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Welcome

The SOuL Searchers online magazine is produced quarterly and provides topical information to keep you up to date on news and the latest developments happening in the Australian Paranormal community. In addition to our announcements on upcoming activities and events, the SOuL Searchers Magazine will contain articles, photos and information on the paranormal, parapsychology, ghost tours, mysterious locations, psychics and mediums, etc. Your suggestions, comments and contributions are welcomed.

Editor

Janine Donnellan is the founder of SOuL Searchers Investigations and the editor of the Paranormal online Magazine. Janine has been conducting house clearings and investigations for over 15 years and established SOuL Searchers Paranormal Investigation Team in 2006. Janine has a certificate of Advanced Achievement in Parapsychology (1998) Australian Academy of Applied Parapsychology and her interest in the occult was developed as a young child through her spiritualist Grandfather.

The mission of this magazine is to include articles and information on our investigations and from the Paranormal community and to endeavour to provide logical explanations if applicable on environments and events that are associated with paranormal activity.

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To assist us in our investigations please answer our questionnaire to the best of your ability. Click on the link below to download the questionnaire.

SOuL Searchers Questionnaire

The initial interview process is conducted by phone using our Questionnaire that goes over detailed questions with the client, including dates and times of occurrences, who was present, description of what was experienced, and location information etc. All information received is kept strictly confidential.

It is SOuL Searchers' mission to provide the best service possible to our clients, by listening to their needs, providing solutions and being informative every step of the way.

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Living by insanity, an editorial on lateness!

I would like to apologise for the lateness of this issue. Unfortunately life's vicissitudes have held this one up. With an ever expanding workload I have completely underestimated the time and the ability to achieve all of my objectives.

As editor of two online magazines I have come to a realisation that in order to be successful in meeting all deadlines SOuL Searchers Magazine will have to shift from a bimonthly to a quarterly schedule.

I am also looking for someone who would like to assist with the editing of this magazine as well as writing articles. I am sure our readers would also love to see more members of the paranormal community contribute articles on the various aspects of the paranormal, book reviews, equipment reviews, opinions, photos and upcoming events. All contributors whose work is included in the SOuL Searchers Magazine will receive full credit, and will be linked to their website.

I am also pleased to announce the next SOuL Searchers Parapsychology Certificate Course will be conducted over two weekends; 21-22 July & 18-19 August 2012. The course payment includes a manual, lunch and morning and afternoon teas.

Janine Donnellan

Parapsychology Certificate Course

This comprehensive course is ideal for those who would like an in-depth knowledge of the paranormal and would like to learn the necessary skills to become a Professional Paranormal Investigator.

Some of the topics covered include history and philosophy of parapsychology, paranormal investigations, the various types of paranormal phenomena, the role of technical equipment in investigations, geopathic stress, dowsing, vortices and portals, extrasensory perception and psychokinetics, clairvoyance and other psychic senses.

All of the classes will be highly interactive and experiential, focusing on participation and engagement of the students. There will be practical exercises throughout the course and also interaction with SOuL Searchers Investigators. This course will be facilitated by Janine Donnellan who is the founder of SOuL Searchers and Steve Millard Case Manger of SOuL Searchers Paranormal Investigations.

The classes will be conducted at the Business Enterprise Centre - Unit 1a, 29-33 Waratah Street, Kirrawee (southern Sydney, NSW)
Course Duration: 3 modules run over 2 weekends – 9.30am - 5:30pm each day.

Dates: 21 & 22 July & 18 & 19 August.
Course Payment: $250 per weekend - this includes Manual, lunch and morning & afternoon tea.

For bookings and detailed information about this course please refer to the website: http://soulsearchers.spheresoflight.com.au
or send an email to: soulsearchers@spheresoflight.com.au
or contact Janine on 0408 025 268

Parapsychology Class Photos

All of the classes throughout the course were interactive and experiential, focusing on participation and engagement of the students. There were practical exercises conducted at each class and students participated in a cemetery excursion and a private investigaton.

Youtube

Ghost Box Exercise

Brighton-Le-Sands ~ Private House Investigation & Ghost Box Experiments

The SOuL Searchers team regularly has meetups for the purpose of paranormal experimentation. Currently we have been experimenting with the Ghost Box.

The Investigation & Experiments with the Ghost Box

Date: 26/01/2012
Time: 8:00pm onwards
Moon Phase: Waxing Moon in Pisces
Investigators: Gabriel, Janine, Steve, Wayne, Jenny & Heather

The experiment was set up in Gabriel's house at Sans Souci.

History

December 2008 Gabriel moved into the house which had seen the previous tenants move out due to the paranormal disturbances they had experienced. The matriarch felt harassed by a shadow figure who (when present) could alter the temperature and whose stench was of rotting flesh. Gabriel had the opportunity to meet them the day that he moved in.

Many nightmares later a truce was called with the spirits, but they sometimes forget to be polite and will often switch the television on/off, and switch the laptop on in the middle of the night. Two friends and his parents have witnessed the TV being fired-up. Strangers will often feel as though they must leave immediately and pets often fall into a sudden deep sleep.

Summary of Activity

Steve set up the Ghost Box in the lounge room and proceeded to scan the FM radio bandwidth where we asked questions to see if we could get a response from the resident ghost or any other spirits present, then we also tried the AM radio bandwidth to see

which radio band was more effective for spirit communication.

Listen to Ghost Box EVPs on the website:

http://soulsearchers.spheresoflight.com.au/index.php?page=2012-01-26-BrightonLeSands

1. (AM) Janine asks, "Are there any spirits here in this room that would like to communicate with us right now?" There is a possible response of, "Hello" by a female voice heard shortly after, followed by Janine saying, "Hello, that was hello! It was hello wasn't it?"

2. (AM) Janine asks, "Do you think we're stupid?" which is followed very quickly by a male voice saying, "Fool", followed by people in the room repeating the word, just confirming what we all heard.

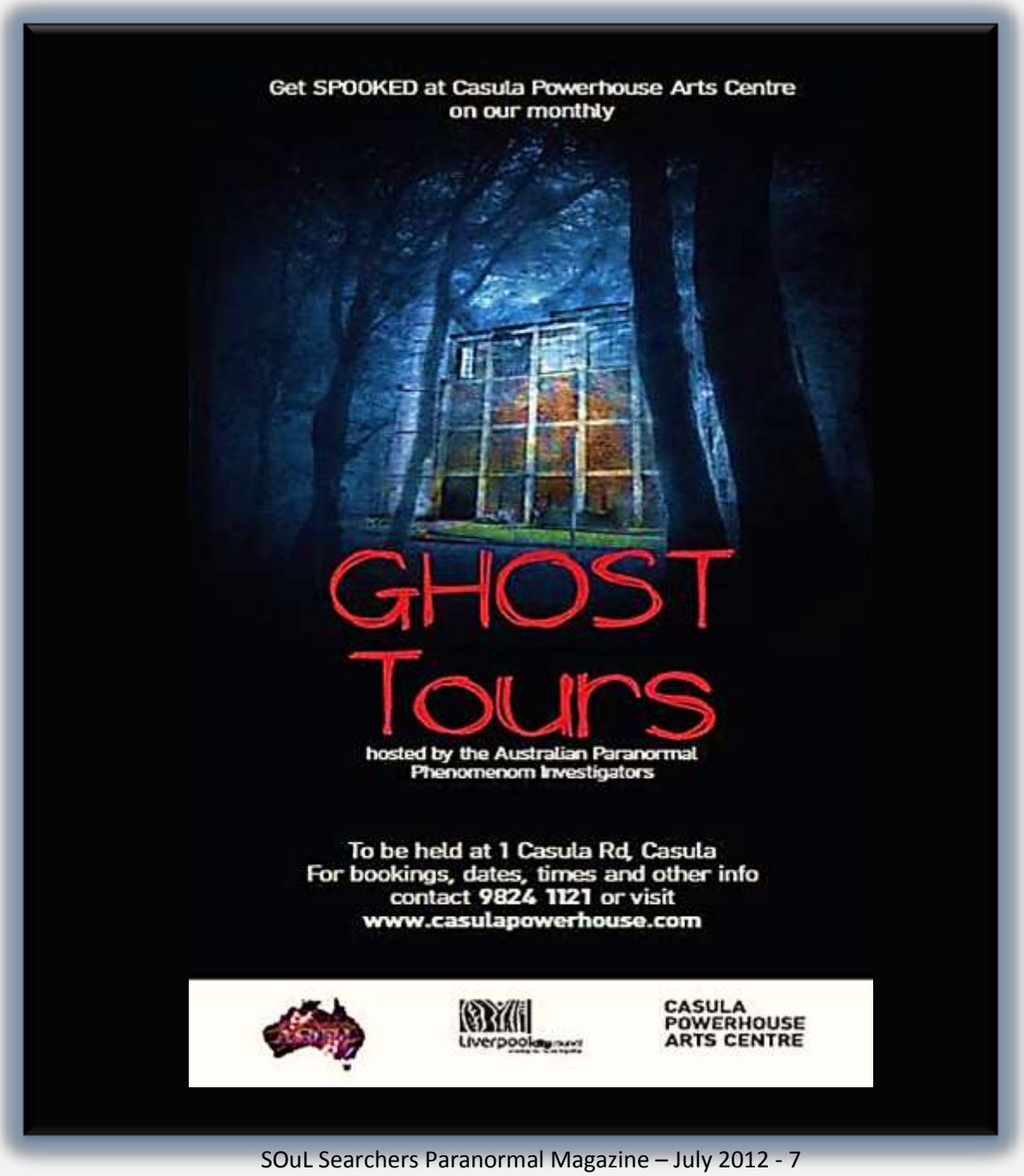
There appeared a lot of interesting interaction by spirit on that night. After the experiment

we conducted a ritual to send any grounded spirits into the light.

Outcome by Gabriel

For the past year I have been switching the power off to the TV from the powerpoint itself, so that I am not disturbed in the middle of the night, so I cannot verify whether this has improved since the paranormal investigation.

They are however, still switching on my laptop. Even this morning (8/2/2012) it was on, waiting for me, who knows how long?



Autism, Psychic Abilities, the Paranormal and Paganism ...is there a connection?

by Jenny Taylor

Autism touches the lives of all sorts of people, including witches, pagans and paranormal investigators, so I thought it would be appropriate to add some information about it here. As a Pagan I have noticed a seemingly disproportionate number of people within the Pagan community with what I consider to be traits of Asperger's Syndrome or "mild" autism. As a member of SOuL Searchers I have also been involved with a few private investigations where an autistic person has been sensitive to paranormal events in their home, perhaps more so than other members of the same household. I did some research and discovered that I'm not the only one who has noticed an apparent connection between autism and sensitivity to the paranormal and/or the spiritual. To begin with, let me explain a little about Autism and Aspergers Syndrome, and my personal interest in this slightly different way of being...

What is Autism?

In brief, Autism is a lifelong developmental disability. It is part of the autism spectrum and is sometimes referred to as an autism spectrum disorder, or an ASD. The word 'spectrum' is used because, while all people with autism share three main areas of difficulty, their condition will affect them in very different ways. Some are able to live relatively 'everyday' lives; others will require a lifetime of specialist support.

The three main areas of difficulty which all people with autism share are sometimes known as the 'triad of impairments'. They are:

- difficulty with social communication
- difficulty with social interaction
- difficulty with social imagination.

It can be hard to create awareness of autism as people with the condition do not 'look' disabled: parents of children with autism often say that other people simply think their child is naughty; while adults find that they are misunderstood.

What is Asperger's Syndrome?

There is a form of autism called Asperger's Syndrome (AS) which is often used to describe people who are usually at the higher functioning end of the autistic spectrum, and it is in this form that autism has touched my life. I have four wonderful sons, two of whom have been diagnosed with mild Asperger's Syndrome, while the other two have a lot of Aspie traits, one more so than the other, but have not been assessed. I now realise I that I too most likely have Asperger's Syndrome - it explains so much about my life experiences.

Asperger's syndrome is named after Hans Asperger, a Viennese psychiatrist who first described the syndrome in 1944. Although his writings were published around the same time as Leo Kanner described autism, the term Asperger's syndrome was not widely used until the late 1980s, and internationally standardized diagnostic criteria were not published until 1994.

Autism, in all of its forms, is what is called a pervasive developmental disorder (PDD). In essence, it is a slight difference in the construction of the brain, probably present since birth, which affects the way the child develops. It is not a mental condition or a behavioural issue... it is a neurological difference. Asperger's Syndrome is also sometimes referred to as a neurobiological disorder - which means the nervous system has developed slightly differently to 'normal' due to genetic, metabolic, or other biological factors.

A number of traits of autism are common to Asperger syndrome including difficulty in social relationships, difficulty in communicating, limitations in imagination and creative play, and heightened sensitivity to certain textures, sights, sounds, tastes, or smells.

However, people with Asperger syndrome usually have fewer problems with language than those with autism, often speaking fluently, though their words can sometimes sound formal or stilted. People with Asperger syndrome do not usually have the accompanying learning disabilities associated with autism; in fact, people with Asperger syndrome are often of average or above average intelligence. Because of this many children with Asperger syndrome enter mainstream school and, with the right support and encouragement, can make good progress and go on to further education and employment.

Because their disability is often less obvious than that of someone with autism, a person with Asperger syndrome is, in a sense, more vulnerable. They can, sadly, be an easy target for teasing or bullying at school. As they get older, they may realise that they are different from other people and feel isolated and depressed. People with Asperger syndrome often want to be sociable and are upset by the fact that they find it hard to make friends.

Many people are of the opinion that the terms that describe AS (syndrome, disorder, etc) have onerous connotations and that it's more accurate to simply say that so affected individuals are different. This has led to use of the term 'Aspie', first used in self-reference by Liane Holliday Wiley in her book Pretending to be Normal (1999), to describe such individuals in a more positive way.

Asperger's Syndrome is NOT all about dysfunction and disability etc. There are many good points and advantages to being an Aspie. Here's a refreshingly different perspective from the medical profession, by Dr Tony Attwood, a clinical psychologist and world renowned expert on AS...

"*From my clinical experience I consider that children and adults with Aspergers Syndrome have a different, not defective, way of thinking.*"

Research demonstrates that autistic traits are distributed into the non-autistic population; some people have more of them, some have fewer. History suggests that many individuals whom we would today diagnose as autistic -- some severely so -- contributed profoundly to our art, our math, our science, and our literature.

Although the diagnostic criteria are relatively recent, autism itself is obviously not, and it is only now, due to advances in science and technology, that we have the opportunity to understand why some people are different. Hopefully this will eventually lead to a greater acceptance of diversity and the idea that 'different' does not equal or imply 'defective'.

Yes, there are Strengths & Advantages of being an Aspie ...just click on the link to see what they are.

It is beyond the scope of this article to go into greater detail about autism so I have provided links below to some of the many excellent online resources about ASD and AS for anyone who wants to find out more:

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)
Autism SA
The National Autistic Society (UK)
Dr Tony Attwood ...THE best source of information about Asperger's Syndrome and current research about AS.

My personal blog The Other Side has a collection of information about Autism and AS, including the traits to identify. I have also listed on my blog links to the major Australian Autism organizations, plus links to personal websites of people with ASD.

Asperger's Syndrome & Paganism ...is there a connection?

Since beginning my journey a few years ago into the world of (Neo)Paganism I've often wondered about the seemingly disproportionate number of Pagans I've met (both in the 'real' world and online) who either have a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome (AS), or are self diagnosed Aspies based on their own observations and knowledge of the condition; knowledge and understanding gained usually because their own children have been diagnosed with AS or related conditions on the Autism Spectrum. I include here as well those Pagans I've met who have 'quirky' behaviour and also have close family members diagnosed with AS; a strong indicator that they too may have AS or some other ASD. I've met Pagan individuals who have so many of the traits of AS that are obvious to those of us who recognise the typical traits of AS yet they themselves haven't got a clue and continue through life wondering why they don't quite fit in, sometimes expressing the view that they feel very alone, like they're on the wrong planet. Remember, the diagnostic criteria for AS have only been available since 1994 so many adults with AS would not even know what it is, nor would they have been clinically assessed and therefore they would not understand why they don't fit in with mainstream society. One could speculate that perhaps within Paganism, which is not mainstream, that people with a different 'way of being' such as Aspies, might find companionship and acceptance with more like-minded individuals than in mainstream religions and society.

But of course not all Pagans are Aspies and vice versa, and unfortunately, as in any 'community', there are always those ignorant individuals who will bully and harrass anybody they see as different or vulnerable, even when they are made aware of why that person might be different. Such behaviour within the Pagan community is a far cry from what you might expect from people who claim to be 'spiritual' or at least tolerant of differences. I've witnessed this both online and in the real world as friendships have been destroyed and people on both sides hurt, all because of ignorance, fear, misunderstandings and miscommunication that in one way or another centred around a person with AS who was being victimised.

While looking for info specifically on this topic I came across a quote from an article written in 1989 by Rosemary Guiley (and updated in 2008) called "A Brief Biography of Isaac Bonewits"...

Around 1985 Bonewits began regularly discussing the need to provide social services for domestic and personal problems and drug

dependencies. Neopagans, he points out, represent a cross section of the population, and such problems cut across religious lines. Bonewits estimates that as many as 80 percent of Neopagans come from "non['dys-']functional family" backgrounds. Neopagans, he observes, are brighter and more artistic than average, but also, therefore, "more neurotic." [He now thinks much of it may be related to "Aspergers Syndrome"] The community has been quick to address these social issues with programs [such as various "Pagan 12-Step Programs"].

Following a link re the "Pagan 12-Step Programs" led to an article written by Isaac Bonewits in 1996 and updated in 2006 called "Pagans in Recovery"...

"I suspect that most of us in our overlapping subcultures - Neopagans, science fiction fans, renn-faire roadies, medievalists, computer techies, Mensa members, etc - suffer from Asperger's Syndrome ("AS"). This is a multi-syndrome subtype of mild autism, characterized by:high intelligence and creativity, mild to severe Attention Deficit Disorder (which I prefer to think of as "Attention Dynamic Difference"), usually with "Hyperactivity," often with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder ("OCD"), and perhaps most importantly, "dysthemia," which is a difficulty in understanding the non-literal content of human communication, such as facial expressions, body language, voice tonalities and other social cues.

When you combine all those characteristics, AS seems to equal INS (or "Incipient Nerd Syndrome") and much of the bizarre personal behavior and miscommunication that plagues our communities suddenly becomes understandable - not to mention the oh-so-common "cluelessness" that characterizes many of our best known members!"

Well, I'll be the first to admit that I'm a nerd, LOL. For a good definition and description of the evolution of the term 'nerd' go to Wikipedia.

Autism, Spirituality & the Paranormal

Another interesting connection with ASD, not directly to Paganism but with spirituality and sensitivity to the paranormal, has been made by William Stillman in his books Autism and the God Connection and The Soul of Autism. Below are some quotes about Stillman (who also has AS), his work and his books from his website www.williamstillman.com

"As an adult with Asperger's Syndrome, a mild 'cousin' of autism, Stillman's message of reverence and respect has touched thousands nationally through his acclaimed autism workshops and private consultations. In his work to support those who love and care for individuals with autism and Asperger's Syndrome, Stillman sets a tone for our collective understanding of the autistic experience in ways that are unprecedented. Autism should not be defined as an 'affliction endured by sufferers', but as a truly unique and individual experience to be respected and appreciated by all. In so doing, Stillman highlights the exquisite sensitivities of our most valuable, wise and loving 'teachers'."

"Autism and the God Connection is a formidable challenge to simplistic explanations of autism. The clinical stories in this book raise significant questions about the nature of consciousness and its relationship to the brain. This book is about more than neurological issues; it is about our nature, our origin and destiny -- in short, our connection with the Absolute, however named."

"An intensely rare and innovative book! William Stillman has opened the door to a most intriguing partnership between the treatment of autism and metaphysical studies. The personal stories of autistics as narrated in this book parallel the 'multisensory' experiences described by intuitives, mystics and psychics, and call to mind the abilities of shaman who are able to traverse between the world of spirit and this physical plane. What an amazing realization that those long considered mentally challenged may actually be far more advanced in terms of spiritual perception, and it is we who must strive to advance to their level of understanding."

"In Autism and the God Connection, William Stillman chartered new territory by documenting extraordinary accounts of spiritual giftedness in those with autism --

persons often deemed intellectually inferior. But more remains to be told. For those of us not privy to the ease with which many autistics tap their divine resources, we may ask, "How does it work?" Stillman's new book, The Soul of Autism, responds by exploring the following:

Why the unaccountable and dramatic rise in autism -- with no single known cause -- is a necessary part of our spiritual evolution.
What is the secret component that makes autistic telepathy possible for us all if we only avail ourselves of it?

If certain autistics communicate with animals, what are the animals saying, and how might that hold relevance for the rest of us?
Perceiving deceased grandparents in Spirit is not an uncommon experience for many autistics, but what implies reciprocation in these highly unusual relationships that, curiously enough, center upon grandfathers?
How might we tap our multisensory giftedness like those with autism have? The author shares seven steps he developed to undergo a spiritual transformation (from which he escaped a brush with suicidal thoughts), and demonstrates how he applies it with glowing affirmations.

In pursuing answers, The Soul of Autism explores these aspects of spirituality through an autistic prism. We all hold the capacity for unlimited possibilities, but how we do it is what we may come to know from those who do it naturally. We have much to be learning from our autistic friends about transcendence rising, a new humanity accessible for all. The Soul of Autism illuminates the way."

The third book in the collection is, The Autism Prophecies: How an Evolution of Healers and Intuitives is Influencing Our Spiritual Future, by William Stillman, 2010.

It is estimated that every twenty minutes a child is diagnosed with autism, and statistics are rapidly rising worldwide without any single known cause. Now, with The Autism Prophecies, award-winning author, William Stillman (Autism and the God Connection and The Soul of Autism), himself a person on the autism spectrum, completes his spiritual trilogy by revealing the truth about autism and its purpose. The Autism Prophecies explores the following:

Why abuse of those with autism threatens to increase, and how it's driven not by fear of our differences but by fear of our similarities.
How some with autism are natural-born healers who employ compassion despite contradictory diagnoses indicating a void of empathy.

How impossible gifts such as mind control and speaking unknown languages could be occurring in some individuals with autism.
How parents may distinguish their child's spiritual interactions from behavior that might be mislabeled—and unduly medicated as hallucinatory.

Why there's a dramatic spike in night terrors, and the urgent signs families should recognize to protect themselves accordingly.
How the wisdom of many individuals with autism may help us to prepare for future hardships and an impending renaissance of civility, respect, and compassion.

In pursuing an enlightened future, The Autism Prophecies views these spiritual aspects through an autistic prism. William Stillman stands alone as the first and only author with the courage and foresight to illuminate the inherent spirituality in many persons with autism—individuals who, historically, have been marginalized and devalued by our culture. His unique research, called "brave" by his supporters, has gained the respect and attention of serious parapsychology scholars and spiritual scientists, as well as open-minded theologians.

Praise for The Autism Prophecies:

"In The Autism Prophecies, William Stillman illuminates the Soul purpose of individuals with autism; that they are here to share their spiritual gifts and talents, to help usher in a new age of truth and enlightenment, and to remind us that we are all more alike than different."

—Mary Riposo, Ph.D., psychologist and author of Using Reiki Techniques with Children: A Guide for Parents and Professionals.

"From his unique personal perspective and research into the experiences of many autistic individuals, William Stillman presents a provocative case for autistic individuals often possessing special ways of knowing that border on the psychic and spiritual. If valid, his reporting has remarkable implications for a fuller understanding of the nature of human consciousness."

—Sally Rhine Feather, Ph.D., Executive Director, Rhine Research Center

"In The Autism Prophecies—the final book in his seminal trilogy on autism—William Stillman reveals more startling truths about evolution, the future of our planet, and what the rapidly growing community of individuals, that, sadly, are still being dismissed with the "affliction" of autism, are really here to teach us."

—Sandra Sedgbeer, Editor-in-Chief, Inspired Parenting magazine and Children of the New Earth magazine

"Common minds judge and so fail to see what uncommon people so clearly show us we have the ability to know and be. The Autism Prophecies is wonderful! And for everyone who strives to become unlimited."

—Nancy and Elena, co-producers and radio hosts, Beyondtheordinary.net

Other people have also written about a possible connection between autism and the paranormal. For example in his blog called Intangible Materiality Bruce Duensing wrote...

The Paranormal and The Autistic
Autism and Non Consensus Reality

"If some of you have read my earlier posts, you know I am on the autistic spectrum as having Asperger's Syndrome as well as having many lifelong strange psychic and paranormal phenomenon that I have accommodated as my shadow, while not relinquishing my own skepticism toward either the experiences themselves or their causation because as an autistic I digest the world by systematizing it. Lately, through correspondence with a autistic friend, Dr Coral Hull, with similar and yet distinct experiences, I have have begun to examine something that should have been apparent all along to someone who is not autistic... is there a link between my autism and these experiences? More importantly, is there a linkage between perception of alternate or non consensus realities and the characteristics of my state?" Read more...
The author of a blog called Dead Conversations wrote...

"Spirits LOVE autistic children, as they are the most open beings to spiritual energy, as they more than half live in the spiritual world. But I want to give autistic kids their own post, as every single one I have met has had such an amazing spiritual energy - it's palpable and warm, and a little overwhelming."

Autism & Psychic Ability

I found a link to a very interesting site here with a collection of articles by Mary Ann Harrington, a former teacher of children with autism...

Here's a sample of her articles...

Anomalies of Autism - Questions for Scientists and Researchers Interested in Consciousness.

"My work with individuals with severe autism has expanded my awareness and broadened my conception of reality. Their uncanny ability to repeat messages I have sent to them telepathically and/or sub-vocally in itself is amazing. I believe that is just the beginning of their consciousness raising abilities."

Autism, Entangled Energy - Sending, Joining, and Receiving Thoughts Through Paranormal Channels

"Joining at higher levels of consciousness with my friends with autism broadened my conception of the universe, as they led me on an internal journey to an ever-evolving belief system. Intuition, joined energy, direct knowing, and telepathy had now become part of my perceptual reality."

Enhanced ESP, Telepathy, and Mysticism in People with Autism

"These remarkable individuals have led me to believe that the brain is a diffusing device rather than an emanating one. They may have easier access to altered states because their filtering devices - brain and sensory systems - are impaired. This massive disruption in normal processing may have forced them back into a dream-like state in which the right brain suddenly forced to take over left-brain functions. This in turn may allow for greater access to altered states of consciousness."

Mary Ann Harrington's articles are definitely worth a good long look if you're interested in this topic too!

My Personal Experience

When I was a child my family never showed any interest in the paranormal, occult or psychic phenomena, except to tell me that it was either total rubbish (my atheist father's point of view) or very dangerous and Satanic and not to be 'dabbled' in (my Christian mother's viewpoint). So, as you can imagine, they were both very concerned, but for different reasons, when I expressed an interest in such matters and as a result of their reactions I eventually learned to keep most of my ideas about anything I considered to be a psychic, telepathic or paranormal experience to myself.

Sometimes I just 'knew' something would happen before it actually did. More often I would 'see' an event in my mind either ahead of time (a premonition) or while it was taking place elsewhere (remote viewing) and I couldn't explain why. Other times I would feel a presence when there was no-one else in the room. These types of events have continued into my adulthood, although over the last couple of years they have declined a little - maybe due to stress and other health issues(?). I have never had any sense of control over when these things would happen.

Now I'm a parent and I've seen my own children experience similar things on and off. I've always given my boys the freedom to discuss these issues with me in a calm and rational manner, and I also encourage them to take notice of these events and not just dismiss them as 'stupid'. Having a background and training based in science I always tend to look for the mundane, logical explanation first, but sometimes there just isn't one. My youngest son, who is also the most 'Aspie' of the four, seems to have more of these experiences than his older brothers did at the same age, and he delights in telling me of his latest 'psychic moment'.

So it seems there could be some sort of correlation between AS and Paganism and others have noticed it too. Although the psychic or spiritual abilities discussed above do not refer specifically to Paganism, they are perhaps more acceptable within the context of the many Pagan traditions than with most mainstream religions. So, maybe I'm not imagining this connection afterall.

In the interests of promoting awareness about Autism, aside from the intriguing paranormal and psychic aspects, please take the time to read something from the references I provided in the very first section to familiarise yourself with some of the recognisable traits of ASD. So, next time somebody acts a bit 'weird', or you see a child apparently misbehaving or having a temper tantrum in public, please try not to pass unfair judgement on them, or on the child's parents. Stop and consider that the people you are watching just might be dealing with autism or Asperger's Syndrome. Acceptance, understanding and perhaps even a polite offer of assistance (where appropriate) is far preferable to harsh, unfounded and unsolicited criticism.

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by Janine Donnellan

Time isn't precious at all, because it is an illusion.
ECKHART TOLLE, The Power of Now

Does time really exist? Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity demonstrates that time is subjective to a person's own relative position. Physicists over the past century have long struggled to comprehend what time really is. In their quest for deeper theories of the universe, some researchers increasingly suspect that time is not a fundamental feature of nature, but rather an object of our own perception.

On the physical plane called Earth, our concept of time passes in a linear fashion and is based on our perspective as we experience time. Dull or routine activities seem to make time drag, while stimulating activities seem to make time fly. The same perceptual instant is not the same time for all perceivers, so perhaps time is nothing but an accumulation of human thought. By getting rid of the illusion of time from our minds, we have the power to free our minds and to expand our consciousness.

So is it possible that if we go beyond our pre-conceived perceptions of this physical world, “time" would simply not exist? Since the beginning of the human concept of "time", we have sought to live our life always thinking in terms of past, present and future, rather than being in the Now. The Universe and the energy we influence in the creation of our own individual realities, in reality have no concept of time, and as a result there is no past or future irrespective of how much we force our own existence around this erroneous notion.

When we pass from the physical plane to a non-physical dimension whether it be through dreams, astral traveling or through death we are moving into an existence which is spaceless and infinite. After death when our

soul leaves the physical plane, we enter initially the first level of the astral. The astral planes are spheres of vibrations in which all concepts of life have their origin. The non-physical dimension that we usually enter on our passing is the energetic lower astral realm, which is comprised of every thought, feeling and action taken and experienced by all humankind and perhaps non-human kind throughout evolution. This is an interesting realm in as far as it holds all of our hopes and dreams but it also harbours our deepest pain and fear. It is this level of the astral, which integrates with the physical plane, and it is where people on the physical plane experience paranormal activity.

Souls that exist in non-physical dimensions have no concept of time; twenty years can feel like a moment because time has lost its definition, so someone who died 100 years ago may think it is still 1909 because that is his or her individual paradigm; but in reality, they exist in a timeless void.

So perhaps it is possible to go beyond our pre-conceived perceptions of this physical world. Perhaps the passage of time is not absolute after all. In reality there is no cosmic clock ticking away the hours of the universe. Instead, what one observer experiences as time, may be just an illusion of the mind.

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Sometimes your house or office can feel uncomfortable, and there is no real reason to explain your uneasy feeling. Other times, it's easy: someone has been there that was negative, ill or died. There may be instances when you moved into a space and just felt like someone else was there, or the space just didn't feel right.

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Origins of Spiritualism

Spiritualism as we know it was brought to our attention by the Fox sisters in the 1800's when they gave vivid accounts of their communication with spirits. This in turn led to a wide interest in the subject and before long séances and contact sittings were being held in all the best houses in Europe, and especially in the United Kingdom, where in Victorian times Spiritualism became widely acclaimed.

Of course like all things it was widely open to abuse and many imposters were soon making a great deal of money from people's desire to contact their 'lost' loved ones on the other side.

Interest in spiritualism spread worldwide and eventually even here to Australia. The interest gradually became a movement and people set up groups and churches catering for people who wished to look outside of conventional religion, which had always taught through the church, of a God of wrath and damnation, and that the result of failure to comply to the church teachings would be purgatory.

People of all ages and nationalities began to explore their own values, and to look at the idea of personal responsibility, to indeed take hold of their own thoughts and lives. They began to realise and accept that after death the spirit or soul must look at its own reflection in the mirror of conscience and come to terms with its own journey of life. Meaning that when we die, we leave the physical body and the mental state behind as we are finished with it, but that the spirit returns to the source and has to 'look' at everything that has been said and done in the lifetime just left, and deal with any aspects which need attention.

Séances

The word "séance" comes from the French word for "seat," "session" or "sitting," from the Old French "seoir," "to sit." In English, however, the word came to be used specifically for a meeting of people who are gathered to receive messages from spirits or to listen to a spirit medium discourse with or relay messages from spirits; many people, including skeptics and non-believers, treat it as a form of entertainment. In modern English usage, participants need not be seated while engaged in a séance.

During the latter half of the 19th century, séances were conducted regularly. Over time these meetings became more complicated, a number of Spiritualist mediums began to advocate the use of specialized tools for conducting séances, particularly in leader-assisted sessions conducted in darkened rooms. "Spirit trumpets" were horn-shaped speaking tubes that were said to magnify the whispered voices of spirits to audible range. "Spirit slates" consisted of two chalkboards bound together that, when opened, were said to reveal messages written by spirits. "Séance tables" were special light-weight tables which were said to rotate, float, or levitate when spirits were present. "Spirit cabinets" were portable closets into which mediums were placed, often bound with ropes, in order to prevent them from manipulating the various aforementioned tools.

The exposure of supposed mediums whose use of séance tools derived from the techniques of stage magic has been disturbing to many believers in spirit communication. Stage magicians like John Nevil Maskelyne and Harry Houdini made a side-line of exposing fraudulent mediums during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In 1976, M. Lamar Keene described deceptive techniques that he himself had used in séances; however, in the same book, Keene also stated that he still had a firm

belief in God, life after death, ESP, and other psychic phenomena.

The exposures of fraud by tool-using mediums have had two divergent results: Skeptics have used historic exposures as a frame through which to view all spirit mediumship as inherently fraudulent, while believers have tended to eliminate the use of tools but continued to practice mediumship in full confidence of its spiritual value to them.

Ectoplasm

Ectoplasm (from the Greek ektos, meaning "outside", and plasma, meaning "something formed or molded") is a term coined by Charles Richet to denote a substance or spiritual energy "exteriorized" by physical mediums] Ectoplasm is said to be associated with the formation of spirits, however since World War II reports of ectoplasmic phenomena have declined and many psychical researchers doubt whether genuine cases ever existed.

Edgar Cayce

Edgar Cayce a well known spiritualist (1877-1945) was called the "sleeping prophet," the "father of holistic medicine," and the most documented psychic of the 20th century. For more than 40 years of his adult life, Cayce gave psychic "readings" to thousands of seekers while in an unconscious state, diagnosing illnesses and revealing lives lived in the past and prophecies yet to come. But who, exactly, was Edgar Cayce?

Cayce was born on a farm in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in 1877, and his psychic abilities began to appear as early as his childhood. He was able to see and talk to his late grandfather's spirit, and often played with "imaginary friends" whom he said were spirits on the other side. He also displayed an uncanny ability to memorize the pages of a book simply by sleeping on it. These gifts labelled the young Cayce as strange, but all Cayce really wanted was to help others, especially children.

Later in life, Cayce would find that he had the ability to put himself into a sleep-like state by lying down on a couch, closing his eyes, and folding his hands over his stomach. In this state of relaxation and meditation, he was able to place his mind in contact with all time and space — the universal consciousness, also known as the super-conscious mind. From there, he could respond to questions as broad as, "What are the secrets of the universe?" and "What is my purpose in life?" to as specific as, "What can I do to help my arthritis?" and "How were the pyramids of Egypt built? His responses to these questions came to be called "readings," and their insights offer practical help and advice to individuals even today.

Although Cayce died more than 60 years ago, the timeliness of the material in the readings — with subjects like discovering your mission in life, developing your intuition, from vertigo and the thought of climbing a ladder and even worse coming down the ladder added to the potential dangers of the investigation.

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Pendle Hauntings

By Steve Millard

In 1612 during witch hunts in Lancashire a local woman, Alizon Device was accused of being a witch following an alleged curse put on a pedlar leaving him paralysed. The woman later confessed and 2 other women were also implicated. Elizabeth Device and Anne Whittle, alias Chattox.

Elizabeth lived in Malkin Tower, and searches later revealed human bones and clay figures of people who had mysteriously died in recent years.

Her other name, Demdike, became legendary in the years that followed and associated with local fear that soon spread across the country.

The magistrates continued their witch-hunt arresting eleven women in total and imprisoning them at Lancaster Castle where on 17th August 1612 ten of them were tried and publicly hanged three days later.

Alizon Device, Elizabeth Device (Demdike), James Device, Anne Whittle, alias Chattox, Anne Redferne, Alice Nutter, Katherine Hewitt, John Bulcock, Jane Bulcock & Isobel Robey were the ten hanged at Lancaster gaol.

Much of the witch's whereabouts and their homes fell into folklore but pictures like the one underneath give glimpses of what remain of their homes and lives. The cooking range is all that is left to see.

Today the sites that were formerly occupied by the coven members have been under frequent investigations by paranormal groups. Most popular today is the actual hill at Pendle which draws pagan groups but is frowned upon by the local authorities.

Within sight of Pendle Hill is Tynedale farm. Made notorious by the Most Haunted teams alleged terrifying investigations and scene of a supposed possession of spirit medium Derek Acorah.

Alice Nutter, one of those witches hung is believed to have resided here in the house dated at 1750. Another property was on the site before this dating back to the 1600's.It has been the focus of many paranormal investigations but in my mind somewhat discredited by the Most Haunted program that did little to validate credible researchers work prior to and since that episode. This is of course purely my opinion and the footage is readily available on YouTube for you to make your own decision.

Along with the neighbouring Lower Well Head farmhouse, Tynedale has a long and tortured history and its rundown interior and exterior give it a truly terrifying presence.

Regular feelings of choking and weakness in the legs and even collapsing have been reported over the years, but so too have the ghost stories that most know about before going into this environment. Has the power of suggestion and hysteria added to what is perceived to be paranormal activity?

Dr Ciaran O'Keeffe the parapsychologist who worked on both the live and recorded Most Haunted shows was quick to raise these points himself and after the events in a newspaper interview made strong enough points to discredit most claims.

Are the spirits of the witch's coven still terrorising the locals in this area of the UK or has a public and publicity hyped hysteria set in. All I know is that it will take some serious and grounded investigation teams to look into these areas objectively.

Look at the YouTube footage gathered by the Most Haunted Team at Tynedale, Lower Head Farm and Pendle Hill to form your own opinions.

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A Ghost's Story ~ Part 2
By Trace van Lieshout

It had been some time – how much I do not know – since the arrival and consequent disappearance of the "paranormal investigators", and my existence had changed drastically. It all began with those damn investigators; coming into my house, telling me I was dead...then leaving me with no way to join my family. A slow, simmering rage had begun to build inside me. Now that I knew the truth, it was eating me up inside. All I could think of was my beautiful family, and I longed to be with them once more. I kept seeking the light; that wonderful white light that I felt my family had walked into upon their demise and the light that I had turned away from in the fear of losing them forever.

For a while, my existence was limited to two activities; searching for the reappearance of the light, and standing at the window. I still had a slight hope that maybe I had been wrong, and perhaps my family would come home to me one day. It was probably stupid, I know....but it didn't hurt to hope. Actually, in truth, it did hurt to hope, it hurt more than I ever could have imagined.

And then, seemingly overnight, everything changed. For what seemed like an eternity

I was alone in my house; wandering, waiting, searching. The next thing I knew, almost every time I went to my window, I would see another strange vessel parked at the front of my house. Sometimes the people within just sat there. Sometimes they got out with more strange looking devices, and they would point them toward my house. There were times that I was so sure they could see me, as these flashes of light coming from their devices seemed to be directed straight toward my window. I would start to call out to them, and wave my arms to show them I was there; "Hey!!! Over here!!" But it always ended the same way; eventually, they would get back into their vessels and move away. My frustration was building to a crescendo.

Things began to worsen. I didn't think they could, but they did. Not only did these strange vessels continue to arrive, but now the people were breaking in to my house! Under the cover of darkness they came, sometimes alone, most times in groups. And although my sense of time was compromised, it seemed to me that every night there was someone different wandering around my house. Some nights, one group of intruders would leave, and seemingly within minutes another group would appear. And they all did the same thing; came in, waved their strange devices around, demanded that I make my presence known....and asked the same ridiculous questions over and over again. Now I wasn't just frustrated; I was downright furious.

I stopped hiding from the intruders, and began to show them I was angry. After a while, I started to get creative. It seemed to me that these people wanted to be scared....I was more than happy to oblige. I began practising focusing my energy, and found after a while that I could really move things; doors opened with my concentration; pictures fell from walls; lights flickered and turned off. And my rocking chair....oh, my beloved rocking chair.....that was now so easy to move. In fact, there were times that I would stand and make it rock, purely for my own entertainment. There was one downside to these activities though; the more I did them, the angrier I became. I could feel the darkness inside of me, growing and growing each time I "played" with the intruders. Because I was truly upset; all of these people, and not one of them seemed to even know about the light, let alone help me into it. I remembered going to church with my family, so long ago, and the preacher talking of Hell.....now I knew what he was talking about. Hell wasn't an otherworldly place; it was right here in my house.

Just as I began to resign myself to the fact of my eternal existence – what choice did I have? The worst thing that I could possibly imagine happened. Those rolling black vessels returned. The ones with "paranormal" written on the side. The ones that started all of this. I was beyond angry when I saw them arrive; I could feel the rage seeping out of my very soul. It all began with them. These uncaring, selfish people had ruined my existence. I couldn't grasp the concept that it was them who made me aware of my condition in the first place; oh no, I couldn't, and wouldn't do that. No, these were the ones to blame...and somehow, I felt that they too were responsible for all of the other intruders that had been coming here. They had to pay, and pay dearly, for the Hell I now lived in.

I decided to be careful; I knew what I was doing now, so I wasn't going to rush into anything. The best course of action, I figured, was to lay low and gather as much energy as I could. Then, I could give them all the proof they wanted....and the scare of a lifetime to boot. A nasty little grin spread over my face; I had one hundred and twenty six years' worth of bottled up feelings that I could expend...and I could do it all right here and

now. I had lost focus and all hope on finding the light; revenge was the only way to make myself feel better.

As I heard them troop into my house, I hovered around the corner to listen. Of course, a lot of what they said made no sense to me, but as they went on I was able to put some pieces together. “Wow, can you believe how many hits we've got on our website man? It's unbelievable. Since we last came here and got those EVP's of the woman crying, over 200 people have logged on. That's something, hey?” “I know....and by the looks of it, not everyone has just read about us being here....they've come to take a look themselves. See there is footprints in the dust over there, some dead batteries....and look, windows broken here.” “Ha ha ha....I'm not surprised. Everyone wants to be able to tell their own ghost story.”

I sat in thought; although I had no clue of what a “web sight” was – something to do with spiders? - I did hear “200 people” and the acknowledgement of other people being here. Somehow, they were responsible. What if....a “web sight” was the name of a newspaper that hundreds of people read? Did these investigators write about being in my house? Is that why so many people came, to see if they could see a ghost? My heart broke just a little....I had hoped that all the people that came had good intentions really, but when they got here somehow they forgot about the light too. Now I knew for sure; none of them wanted to help me. They wanted to catch a ghost. Now I was livid. I wanted to strike out immediately....but I held back. This time I wanted to have an abundance of energy...there would be no escape for them this time around.

I peeked around the corner to see them setting up masses of devices, ranging in size from small to ridiculous. They chatted amongst themselves as they did, and I was amazed; they spoke of other homes, and other ghost-people they had encountered. So I wasn't the only one then? Apparently not....but these guys didn't care. They spoke again of “evidence reviews”, “EVPS”, and being “caught on DVR.” They may as well have been speaking a foreign language, but I got the drift; this is what they did for a living. Steady Lizbeth....wait for the right moment to strike. Patience you have....empathy you do not.

Feeling my energy growing stronger by the minute, still I stayed away. I could still hear them repeating the exact same questions as before; “Are you here? Show us proof.... ”Blah blah blah. All I thought was “I'll show you proof alright.....” I tried an experiment to see how much energy I had; focusing on an empty can on the ground, I willed it to move. It did. Only a metre or so, but it did. It wasn't enough....these idiots had to pay. How could I get more power?

The devices.....they looked interesting. I wonder if I could draw energy from them somehow. The energy from the atmosphere had mostly depleted, but I needed more. I crept around the corner, staying clear of the noisy boxes they held with lights....and headed toward one that was set up by itself in the corner. Here goes, I thought....I drew in a huge, deep breath, and all of this strange energy left the device and entered me. Wow....I was buzzing energy now! I quickly drifted back around to my hiding place, and tried again to move the can. This time it shot across the room. I smiled that nasty smile again....oh; we were going to have some fun now!

“Did you hear that noise? It sounded like a can being thrown.” came from around the corner. They heard that? It must've flown more violently than I thought. “Grab the DVR and let's see what it was”. Footsteps across the room to where I had drawn the energy.

“Wait...this camera is dead! I set it recording ten minutes ago....it had a brand new battery, and now, nothing!” Camera? Battery? I had heard of cameras before....had I somehow drained the power source to this camera? Was that why I felt like I was buzzing? Wow, it certainly made me feel powerful. And by the sounds of it, not having their camera working was making them feel quite powerless. Wonderful! The thought occurred to me; if I could feel this from one camera...what about the rest of their equipment? Oh, that seemed delicious; take away their devices and make myself stronger and more powerful? Game on.

Luckily for me, they had brought many different things with them. So systematically I sought them out....sucked them dry...and hid around the corner to see their reaction. Oh, this was fun! They were getting angry and frustrated...welcome to my world boys! I was careful not to drain all of them though; I wasn't finished with them yet, so didn't want them to leave too early. The party was just getting started.

I began expending small amounts of energy; the door to the living room where they now explored was very easily slammed shut. I had success before with doors, but only with slowly closing them...now I could slam them hard. And their girlish shrieks of fright made it oh so worth it! Still, I had an abundance of energy. I crept up behind one of them, and gave a mighty shove. He went flying across the room, and crash landed in a heap on the floor. I clapped my hands with delight. This was going far better than I have ever hoped for! His voice was shaking as he told his friends that his back, were I had shoved him, was burning. Lifting his shirt, the investigators exclaimed over the welts running down his spine. Had I done that? Wow. I had never had so much power!
Now the game shifted. The investigators had evidence, and plenty of it. Some of the team were frightened, and wanted to leave. But the main one, the one that told me I was dead the last time he was here, was not to be frightened off so easily. “So, still playing with us Elizabeth? Just like last time. But it seems that you have learned some things since then. You've drained most of our equipment now so we can't capture you....but I know you're here. And people will believe me when I tell them...hell, they believed me last time, and we barely had an evidence to back it up! Let's see what else you can do then.”

I paused; I hadn't expected this. He was almost taunting me with his attitude. Cautiously, I crept around him. BANG....a picture slid off the wall to his right. As his head whipped around to the right...CRASH. I kicked an old can as hard as I could, and he spun around just in time to see it bounce off the wall. SLAP....right across his face. I giggled to myself as I saw his hand reach for the place where I slapped...and when he removed it, all I could see were welts. “Well, you asked for it buddy, now you're getting it’.

“You scratched me, you hag! What are you demonic or something? I heard that demons scratch...this is the first time I have come across it though. And here I was thinking this was just a ghost of a sad, pathetic old lady. Well let's just see what happens next then.”
“What are you going to do?” asked his right-hand man. “Trigger object” was the response. Geez, just when I think I'm getting the upper hand they go and say something over my head again. I held my breath as he plunged his hand into his pocket. Everything seemed to stand still as I started at what he held in his hand. It was a tiny little toy; a horse and cart. He grinned his own nasty, evil smile and said “Remember this?”

My whole world turned red as I boiled over with furore. This so-called “man” stood in my house holding my son's toy horse and cart.

My emotions swirled into white-hot rage as he taunted me: “Not only was this found here in your house, you pathetic old woman, but this is a symbol of how you lost everything! Did this belong to your son? Oh, it must've meant a lot to him,” he went on sarcastically, “if he didn't even take it with him when he left the house that day. Maybe it was because he knew he had a date with another horse and cart.”

I lost all control at the moment. The energy that came from me exploded out and throughout the room. The horse and cart flew out of his hand and the pieces cartwheeled through the air. The windows shattered all at once. A huge wind, like a hurricane, swirled around the room. Debris flew everywhere as the paranormal team, all at once, decided that enough was enough. They grabbed what they could – which wasn't much, as things kept smashing and crashing around them – and they ran for their lives. They crouched low and bolted, and objects hurled themselves toward the team as they made their way to the front door. I screamed at them, a fierce, painful scream that reverberated throughout the floorboards. All I saw was one white, terrified face peek over his shoulder as he ran...and then he pushed past the others and out the door like a bat out of hell. He must have caught a glimpse of me. Good.

Before I knew it, all was quiet and I was in front of my window again. I had to make sure they had gone. Then I found that I didn't need to do that; these investigators had got more than they bargained for, and they certainly didn't hang around. At last they had left me alone. This actually brought me full circle...and back to the search for the light once more.

Over the next few weeks the number of vessels slowly declined. What once was an everyday occurrence was now every second day....then twice a week....and then once a month. Until, finally, the visits stopped. While I was relieved, I was also disappointed. I was still stuck here, and I wasn't any closer to finding out to get the light back. I knew that I couldn't let frustration get the better of me though; that last time with the investigators left me feeling scared too. I had no idea I could summon and expend that much power. And it was an experience that I did not want to repeat – imagine if my family saw me that way? No....the way to them was love. Somehow, that's all that I could think.

An interminable amount of time passed, and on and on I searched. And then one day another vessel arrived. Ever-watchful from my window, I dreaded what was to come. Surely not...this nightmare wasn't about to start all over again was it? I was filled with anxiety, yet I forced myself to observe some smaller details.

This vessel was not black; it was white. That was refreshing....doesn't mean anything though, I thought to myself. I looked closer; inside sat one person, a woman by the looks of things. Again...that was something different. They usually came in packs with their strange devices. The woman got out of the vessel...and she wasn't carrying anything. No camera, no boxes with lights on them...nothing.
Ok, but that didn't mean anything. And then she made eye contact with me.

I couldn't believe it. Was she really looking at me? Maybe....maybe she was like all the rest, and was just having a look before getting her devices and cameras out. Still, she stared and stared. And then she smiled and lifted her hand. She was waving at me. Could this really be happening? Someone could actually see me and was smiling at me? So much had happened to me I didn't want to get my hopes too high. But still.....this had never happened before. I

threw caution to the wind and raised my own hand to return the wave. The woman looked overjoyed as she waved even harder at me. We were making contact.

I watched as she approached the front door. But this time, instead of hiding, I rushed down the stairs and used my energy to throw open the door in anticipation. The double doors crashed open like it was a perfectly normal thing to happen. Our eyes locked, and she drew in a breath to speak: "Elizabeth?"
Oh my god, she knew my name! She could see me....did she know me somehow?
"Hi Elizabeth...yes, I can see you. I can hear you too. I am what is called a medium....that is, I communicate with spirits. You can communicate back to me, just think at me and I can hear it." Are you real? I thought at her. "Of course I'm real....as real as you are."
Are you one of those "investigators"? "No...I am not an investigator. I am what you would call a spirit rescuer." How did you know my name and that I were here? And why are you here? "I read about you. The men that came here before wrote an article about you and this house. I'm here because I was so upset at the way these people treated you....I wanted to see if I could help you" Do, do you know about the light? "Yes....I do know about the light. Actually, I know quite a lot about the light."
I didn't want to get my hopes up in case they were dashed again, but I just had to ask:
Do you know how I can find the light again?
The mysterious lady smiled; "I'm here to help you find it"

As I was trying to take in what she said, really trying hard, she reassured me gently. "Trust me....its ok. I know what to do. The light is coming. Your job is to walk through it and meet up with your family again. Can you do that?" I almost jumped up and down with excitement. Wiping the tears of joy from my face, I nodded. "Is there anything else you need to say before you go? You are welcome to come back and visit me, or here, any time you like, but is there anything I can tell the world, from you, before you leave?"
There was so much to tell. I felt I could stay there for days to give messages to the world...but all I wanted was to see the light, and my family, again. I decided to just leave some wise, parting words:

"Tell the world....ghosts were people once.....remember that".

She nodded. It was all I needed to say for now. I could hear her thoughts ring out as she called "Archangel Michael!" Then...wow, before me appeared the most beautiful angel I had ever seen. He smiled the gentlest smile I had ever seen in my life at me, and extended his hand: "It's time to go Elizabeth."
Before him appeared the light....oh, the glorious light! There it was finally!

I gladly took the angel's hand and peered into the light. It was time. But before I could go, I turned back to the mysterious lady, the earth-angel that had appeared to set me free.
"Thank you...from the bottom of my heart, thank you earth-angel". She wiped away a tear, and smiled at me. "You are so welcome. Now...go on Home."

Nodding, I turned toward the light with an angel by my side. And as I gazed into the light once more, I could see something. A shape...no, wait, four shapes at the end. Could it be? One was taller, three others shorter. I recognised them....by god, I did.....I would remember those figures anywhere. Shouting with joy, and breaking away from Archangel Michael, I ran. I ran into the light....I ran as fast as I could, down the tunnel of white, tears of happiness streaming down my face. I ran.....and flew into the arms of my loving, waiting family. Finally, after all this time.....I was Home.

PARACON 2012

Paracon Australia was the first paranormal conference organised in Australia by Kerry Wearing, Founder of The Australian College of Mediumship. The conference was conducted in Oran Park House on Saturday 24th March 2012 and featured some of the best known experts in the paranormal industry in Australia and overseas.

The conference featured David Wells who is well known for his successful television appearances on programmes such as Your Stars, Jane Goldman Investigates, Big Brother, Fame Academy, RI: SE, GMTV, Heaven on Earth and Most Haunted. The conference also included lectures from prominent paranormal experts throughout the day.

History of Oran Park House

On entering this beautiful building you are met with an energy that suggests that this gracious house has its ghostly caretakers. The house is currently used as a reception place for weddings and events. Surrounded by a rural environment it is certainly a place that exudes an overwhelming essence of peace and tranquillity.

Originally, Oran Park was predominantly part of the land grant to William Douglas Campbell in 1815. A member of the British merchant navy, named the property after his ship, Harrington. The Oran Park portion of the property was subdivided from Harrington Park in 1829. Oran Park House was completed in 1857 as a two story Georgian form. Built from English bond brick, it featured a symmetrical front with two story timber verandah on three sides, a viewing tower at the rear, the original roof being a flat and lead lined, behind parapets. Internal features included cedar joinery and large arched window to match the impressive staircase. There was also a separate two story servants building near the North West corner of the main building.

Oran Park, along with a number of estates in the area, who had modelled themselves on the British elite, formed the economic foundations for the Macarthur area. On large portions of land, they built large houses,

many of which are still features of the region. They include, Camden Park, Brownlow Hill, Kirkham, Elderslie, Rabey, Orielton, Glenlee, Denbigh and Curtis Park.

Owners of Oran Park House include John Douglas Campbell, nephew of William Douglas Campbell of Harrington Park, from 1829. Henry William Johnson, who leased the property from JD Campbell prior to its purchase in the mid 1840's, Thomas Barker, of Marylands & Orielton, 1869-1871, Edward Lomas Moore, of Badgally in 1871. John and Frederick Moore from 1904, then Essington Moore from 1907. In 1939 Hubert Harry Robbins purchased the property and was believed to have run the property as a golf club, amongst other things. During the war, a portion of the property was also used by the military as a training ground. It was during this period of ownership that the property was subdivided.

In 1961, Edward Alfred Star purchased the property and further subdivided the now 507 acres into various sizes hobby farms. One allotment of 264 acres, which included the homestead, was purchased in 1968 by John and Peggy Cole. The property was then purchased in 1969 by the Honourable Lionel John Dawson-Damer. During this time, the property was run as a beef cattle farm, while doubling as a location for Dawson-Damer to store his impressive collection of historic racing & road going cars.

In the 1930's the house went through extensive renovations. The timber verandah was removed, the house extended to the east and a wing added to the west, including a bridge to the previously separate servant's quarters. The roof was changed to a hipped form with terracotta tiles, and a portico added with simple Doric columns and shutters were added to the windows. Later, while under the ownership of the Dawson-Damer's, the house had further renovations completed, including large amounts of stone work to the external areas. Walls to the west of the house, new court yards and water features added to the east of the house. The pool area was also re-paved, new brick & stone walls added and the addition of a rose garden between the pool & the recently renovated tennis court. A formal rose garden and pond were added to the inside of the carriage loop as well as a formal, brick and stone entrance to the loop.

Ultimately, much of the 260 acres of the property will be consumed by housing as Sydney's metropolitan area continues to grow. However, the house is linked with the Heritage Council and, along with the old coach house and a parcel of land, should remain for the benefit of the area for many years to come.

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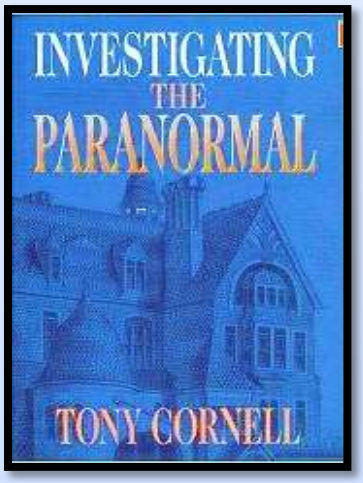

Investigating the Paranormal
By Tony Cornell
Publisher: Helix Press, (June 2002)
Review by John Zupansic - zupansic@earthlink.net

Investigating the Paranormal is an ambitious book of case histories by British paranormal investigator Tony Cornell. Mr Cornell serves as president of the Cambridge University Society for Psychical Research and as vice-president of the famed Society for Psychical Research he brings five-plus decades worth of experiences and investigations to the book and it does not disappoint. The book is richly detailed, with virtually every type of haunting imaginable, covered in-depth.

One of the foremost philosophers in the methodologies of science was Sir Karl Popper. Popper's claim-to-fame was his demarcation criterion to distinguish science from pseudo-science. A given theory of science must be falsifiable in order to qualify as real science. One must robustly put a theory to the test, trying to come up with data that will disprove it. If no data disproving the validity of the theory is found, then the theory is said to have merit. Cornell adheres to this notion of falsifiability with vigour, methodically going through the list of possible natural (including human-induced) explanations for alleged paranormal activity in each-and-every case. His dedication, nay marriage, to thoroughness of investigation and scepticism (the healthy kind, not its evil cousin) should serve as a guide to every investigator, new and experienced.

Cornell is rather unique among people writing about ghosts, hauntings, poltergeists, and the like, because after his fifty-plus years of research and investigation, it seems he has concluded that these types of psychical phenomena are most often caused (unconsciously) by one or more of the humans who are experiencing them. What of the seemingly incredible claim that discarnate human spirits are responsible for some types of phenomena discussed here? "Although I have endeavoured to remain open-minded, in the 50 years that I have spent investigating the subject I myself have not come across any convincing evidence to substantiate this claim." Cornell estimates that of the 800 or so cases he has investigated; only twenty per cent are difficult to explain. And of those twenty per cent, only a handful seems likely to be of the paranormal ilk. Despite this, he has not given up and is still searching for the proverbial smoking gun.

Some of the book's highlights include: the Cambridge College Ghosts chapter, which contains a particularly eerie story about a students repeated sighting of an old man sitting by the fire in his dorm room, the R.M.S. Queen Mary investigation, and the concluding pages of the book, which feature some priceless anecdotes about Cornell's encounters with the seemingly human-induced variety of paranormal activity. Investigating the Paranormal is Tony Cornell's magnum opus, and for that reason alone it is worth reading for the man's credentials are impeccable, his stature within the paranormal community great. More importantly though, the book serves as a wonderful guide for those who are avid readers of books on these subjects or for newly christened investigators of the paranormal. Cornell has set the bar very high, giving all investigators, from the armchair variety to those in the field, something great to strive for in terms of accuracy, thoroughness, and scepticism.

Paranormal Groups within Australia

Below will be all the Paranormal Groups listed under each state. If you wish to be added to this list, please email accessparanormal@gmail.com

New South Wales

APPI - Australian Paranormal Phenomenon Investigators

The Australian Paranormal Phenomenon Investigators (APPI) are paranormal investigators who use a combination of scientific and spiritual methods to determine the existence of spirits around us.
Life experience, common sense and team work are our main instruments when investigating, and we enjoy working with other groups, in order to learn and develop our natural skills. we are open to any investigations, so please contact us for a confidential consultation.
Website: http://www.appi.org.au/

SOuL Searchers

SOuL Searchers undertake paranormal investigations from a shamanic
perspective. The SOuL Searchers team conducts all investigations in a
professional manner, adhering to the wishes of the client; we are also compassionate to the needs of the distressed spirit. We are based in Southern Sydney, Sutherland Shire, the Illawarra & surrounding areas in NSW. ALL investigations are conducted free of charge and therefore all members are volunteers. Click on the link for more details:
http://soulsearchers.spheresoflight.com.au/index.php?page=SOuL-Searchers-Magazine
http://soulsearchers.spheresoflight.com.au/index.php?page=main

UFO and Paranormal Research Society

The society was established to provide the public with information relating to the paranormal world of the unexplained, no matter the type of phenomena. The society beckons the public to forward their own accounts of anything that seems bizarre or unusual so as to defy logic! The Society is an active, in the field group dedicated to pioneering the unexplained world.

The Society has now embarked on a project to deliver this material as recreations professionally produced whereby actors are cast into the roles of the characters and the original account from Australians that are investigated by the Society are put to film. This Series is called EERIE ENCOUNTERS and the first DVD, featuring the UFO phenomenon, is now available from the Society. The series will eventually go to air on TVS.

The Society actively engages the public on reports they give so as to lend credibility to the reports they give. Everything from Cryptozoology to ghostly apparitions are covered.
Website: http://www.ufosociety.net.au/

E.C.P.S - East Coast Paranormal Society

Our aim is to investigate places not for the purpose of labeling them as ' haunted ' but rather as an opportunity to document and collect data to help us get a better understanding of the paranormal and to help others who are experiencing paranormal activity.
We do not think that everything that goes bump in the night is paranormal and we take a scientific approach to all investigations and will always try to debunk before we label something as paranormal. Our team of investigators are professional, dedicated, honest and reliable.
http://www.facebook.com/?sk=lf#%21/pages/ECPS-East-Coast-Paranormal-Society/256240681066858?sk=wall

Hunter Paranormal

Hunter Paranormal Australian is dedicated and committed to the SCIENTIFIC, LOGICAL, UNBIASED Research and Investigation of paranormal phenomena. The goal of Hunter Paranormal Australia is to research, investigate, and document paranormal activity in an unbiased, logical, and scientific manner. Hunter Paranormal Australia advises that part proceeds from fees, paranormal investigations, introductory tours and donations etc. are directed towards the restoration of selected Pioneer Cemeteries, Historical Societies, Museums, etc within Australia. We also offer packages from an Introduction to the Paranormal to learning to be a Trainee Investigator.
http://www.hunterparanormalaustralia.com.au/

Validate

Validate is an independent investigative body seeking key elements that may provide evidential support to certain paranormal related theories such as hauntings, alleged foreign intervention i.e. UFO phenomena and cryptozoology.
In order to authenticate claims, Validate will endeavour to gather bona fide data without relying on calculations or any conclusions drawn by other groups or organisations. This clean slate approach enables Validate to conduct its own studies without influence. All obtained information (raw data) can therefore be thoroughly scrutinised at Validate's best capacity.

In essence, Validate deals with highly controversial areas that are considered as fringe science. Here, even the most qualified scientists who have invested time and risked their academic careers to pursue phenomena research, find it extremely difficult to understand and draw solid conclusions. Validate acknowledges these difficulties through experience.

Although Validate operates on strict guidelines, it appreciates the fact that certain events are beyond our academic textbooks. In other words, Validate will not be dissuaded no matter how extraordinary the claim may be. Validate is also dedicated to assisting and coaching groups within the field with the aim of bringing unity to the paranormal (including UFOlogy) community.
Website: http://www.paranormalnation.com.au/
or http://www.projectufo.org/

Sydney Spirit Stalkers

We are a Group of 4 Paranormal Investigators in Sydney's West area.
Our team members specialise in, Tech & Equipment, Photography, Safety, Location Finding, Research and Mediumship.
We are always up for an adventure and love looking into haunted areas.
We have come across some strange discoveries in various locations, which makes us determined to continue our investigations.
If you have anywhere you would like us to check out feel free to have a chat to one of us.
"Personal Experience Over Rules All Others Judgment"
http://www.facebook.com/gettingstarted.php?step=contact_importer#%21/pages/Sydney-Spirit-Stalkers/160614330659716

Southern Tablelands Paranormal Research Society

Southern Tablelands Paranormal Research Society (SAiNT-PRS) - A Team Of Paranormal Investigators Dedicated To Investigating Paranormal Reports From The Southern Tableands And Beyond.
Website: http://saint-prs.blogspot.com/

Parramatta Paranormal Society

PPS (Parramatta Paranormal Society) is an organisation of Paranormal Investigators who focus on discovering the paranormal using scientific knowledge. We also like to maintain historical buildings and land. PPS was started by Sarah Sloan and Michael Sloan who also have a committed team who we appreciate and enjoy working with.
Based in Parramatta NSW we investigate throughout the state and we also conduct private investigations. PPS use a range of "Ghost Hunting equipment" to back up peoples experiences and encourage them come along and monitoring our investigations.
With the use logical theories we debunk things that occur on our investigations such as sounds and pictures so we can be sure that something is Paranormal rather than jumping to the conclusion that something is Haunted.
PPS work with a medium who knows nothing about the **location prior to the investigation so we can get an understanding on how the psychic mind works.**
https://www.facebook.com/pages/parramatta-paranormal-society/164927327119

Sydney South West Paranormal Investigators

We employ scientific and proven investigative methods to obtain indisputable evidence of the paranormal. We will investigate anywhere from private residence to historical sites, and this is at no cost to our clients. This service is free and always will be as it is our mission to help people in need and also educate about the paranormal world. Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/SSWPI

Eastern States Paranormal (E.S.P)

Experienced Paranormal Investigative team dedicated to search for evidence of the paranormal and helping others with paranormal problems.

Friendship and honesty are important aspect of our team.
Be sure to check out the website for other tours, our forum, photos and equipment!
http://www.easternstatesparanormal.com.au/index.html

W.S.P.R - West Sydney Paranormal Research

West Sydney Paranormal Research (W.S.P.R) is a Not-for-Profit-Organisation who are a small group of hard-working, like-minded and dedicated researchers/investigators - striving to find the truth in claims of paranormal activity.
W.S.P.R is made up of professional team members and we operate on a 'logic first' approach to ALL of our investigations. With a wide array of equipment, our aim is to determine whether or not any paranormal activity is present in the location we are investigating.
http://www.westsydneyparanormal.org/index.html

Campbelltown Paranormal

Our team consists of sensitives, empaths as well as our skeptic. We investigate and document all aspects of the paranormal and we often unite with other teams on large investigations using specialised equipment. This includes full spectrum and IR cameras, still cameras and video, spirit boxes, EMF detectors and EVP recorders. We also specialize in house clearings as each member of our team have experienced hauntings and the feeling of being isolated and alone. We are local to Campbelltown and are always here to help!

https://www.facebook.com/campbelltownparanormal

Lakes Investigators of the Paranormal

L.I.P.S is the brainchild of husband and wife team Nathan and Fay Johnson. As Lakes Investigators of Paranormal Suggestion, we endeavour to find answers, both for ourselves and our clients.

Queensland

Haunted Australia

Our group is currently researching any locations brought to our attention and we are intending on traveling overseas end of this year to research some sites. Our location is just out of Brisbane but will cover all areas.
Website: http://www.haunted-australia.com.au/

Australian Paranormal Investigators (API)

Australian Paranormal Investigators (API) are a small team of dedicated researchers primarily based in Brisbane, Qld. We operate on a logic first basis and approach from a scientific point of view and our combined knowledge and experience allows our clients the benefit of a thorough and in-depth investigation. We understand that not all things are explainable by science but our vast range of experiences allows us to provide our clients with the necessary support based on their needs.
Location: Brisbane and surrounding areas (extensive travel available from anywhere between Maryborough to Coffs Harbour)
http://www.australianparanormalinvestigators.com/

Downunder Paranormal

We are a small team of paranormal researchers and investigators, based in Brisbane, Qld. We support clients across southern Queensland and Northern NSW who experience unexplained phenomenon. Using a wide range of scientific equipment, we conduct logic-based paranormal investigations and historical research for private and business clients on a no-fee basis.
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Downunder-Paranormal/114653708629278

Brisbane Amateur Paranormal Investigators

We perform investigations using up-to-date technology and equipment. Think you have a haunting? We may be able to provide alternative explanations for phenomena, or capture proof that what you have is real. We can perform investigations of locations upon invitation to do so. We are a completely not-for-profit organisation and the cost of all our equipment and our time in both performing investigations and analysing data is done at our own expense. All investigations are conducted with complete respect for the location as well as anything paranormal which may be present. Feel free to contact us via Facebook http://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneAmateurParanormalInvestigators?sk=info
or via email BrisbaneAPI@gmail.com

Paranormal Paratek Queensland

Queensland paranormal investigations **&** historical researching. Paratek is a State Government registered, fully insured not-for-profit incorporated association. paratek is committed to conducting successful paranormal investigations. We investigate the site history thoroughly before commencing any investigation.
Mission statement:- "Seeking Truth By Evidence". Utilizing state of art detection equipment used in this field of research within Australia. Paratek will scrutinize all obtained data carefully & thoroughly before a comprehensive report is presented on the conclusion of our paranormal investigation. Paratek is Queensland state wide & has undertaken several high profile heritage site investigations to date.
Web: http://www.paratek.net.au

South Australia

Celestial World Australia

Celestial World Australia was founded by Michael Barnett with the focus on a wide variety of new age areas such as Mediumship and Spiritual Healing. Michael runs New Age courses and also conducts paranormal investigations ensuring every case is kept confidential. The CWA team uses a variety of equipment for scientific purposes and approaches all cases in a relaxed manner. CWA also uses spiritual methods such as mediumship to assist in these investigations.
www.celestialworldaustralia.com

Eidolan Paranormal

A South Australian Paranormal Investigation Team. Investigating hauntings, UFOs, Cryptids and everything else deemed "Paranormal".
Eidolon Paranormal can also be found actively interacting within the community at SA Paranormal meet-ups.
We aim to find the truth about urban "ghost" legends. We also investigate private and business premises to advice clients if their building is subject to a haunting.
Offering free paranormal investigations and advice on hauntings. Privacy and discretion and professional conduct is assured. Contact us at: eidolon@live.com.au
Website: www.eidolonparanormal.net

Murraylands Paranormal

We are Toni, Neil, Barry and Ann - a fledgling group of Paranormal Investigators based in Murray Bridge, South Australia. Please feel free to e-mail us at: mpi.sa.ghost@internode.on.net

Paranormal Field Investigators

We are a small group of researchers based in Adelaide, South Australia. Our group study, research and investigate most aspects of the paranormal. We have been interested in this subject, as individuals, for many years and some of us have been investigating for over 20 years. People who join our team consist of people with knowledge in such skills as photography, tech and electronics plus individuals who are prepared to sit and research the history of an area being

investigated. All investigations are treated in a professional manner, with respect and confidentiality to all persons and properties involved. We try to conduct our investigations in a technical manner, relying on electronic equipment to monitor the situation. We are open-minded to different theories and methods as this is not an exact science. Our services are free of charge.
Website: http://paranormalfieldinvestigators.com/

SA Paranormal

S.A.Paranormal is a social group of people interested in all aspects of the paranormal. We will be meeting monthly for outings, such as ghost tours, cemetery visits, history tours, movies or for special guest appearances by people involved with aspects of the paranormal.
MEET-UPS - S.A.P. Meet-ups are hosted by the teams of Eidolon Paranormal and Adelaide Spirit Chasers. They are frequented by many local S.A. teams who are willing too share their stories. We have guest speakers and presentations about equipment, spiritual items and other paranormal related subjects
The meet-ups will now be hosted at The Clare Castle Hotel in Kapunda South Australia one Sunday a month - dates and times will be posted on the wall here. http://www.eidolonparanormal.net/saparanormalmeetups.htm

The Paranormal Guide

The Paranormal Guide (TPG) is a new website that explores the world of the paranormal through different forms of multimedia presentation. The bulk of the website is devoted to the videos the TPG team have created focussing on different aspects of the paranormal. All topics of the paranormal are covered ranging from Ghosts and Hauntings to UFO and Aliens, Cryptozoology to Unsolved Mysteries, True Crime is also covered too. As well as video presentations TPG has a fortnightly podcast to keep people up to date with what the team is doing aswell as presenting topical discussions and answering listeners questions. TPG also has a user forum through which people can share their experiences, information and tell a good story or two. The video and Photo galleries are open for all to browse aswell as to upload their own images and videos. Soon TPG will begin hosting their public meetings for like minded individuals for a more personal contact experience. Although The Paranormal Guide is based in South Australia it really is a nation wide website covering all states and territories. the Paranormal guide is:
Ashley Hall: Founder and Head Administrator
Debbie Williams: Lead Researcher and In the field reporter
Pavle (Paul) Tipic: Lead Investigator and Tech Head
Tash MacDonald: Sensitive and Forum Administrator
www.theparanormalguide.net
www.facebook.com/theparanormalguide

R.U.P.I - Riverlands Unexplained Paranormal Investigators

This is a new paranormal group we are called R.U.P.I
Kathy Messenger - Spirit Medium
Richard (whisper) - Ghost Whisperer
Mandy Scidone - camera and EVPs
Peter Nikolis - Technical director, Researcher and jedi master
https://www.facebook.com/groups/183859181726929/

Fleurieu Paranormal Research

We are a small group of individuals with an interest in the paranormal. Fleurieu Paranormal Research is a non-profit organisation undertaking research into possible paranormal activity on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Our mission is to investigate and research paranormal activity in and around the Fleurieu Peninsula. We are searchers of evidence, seekers of truth, and analysts of beliefs. No scientific proof of life after death? No scientific proof that there isn't either. For more information email fleurieuparanormal@y7mail.com or phone 0479 184 180.
Website: http://fleurieuparanormal.blogspot.com.au/

Victoria

Australian Ghost Adventures

AGA is a group of paranormal enthusiasts with a diverse background in paranormal research and investigation. We use scientific and alternative methods in our investigations and we do not charge a fee. Collectively we have over 40 yrs experience in the paranormal field. We use various techniques including the "scientific method", wicca, dowsing, alternative (including use of pendulums, crystals). We also use reputable psychic mediums. Modern technology and equipment is used, (including Thermal imaging), to help quantify any results. As a whole this family owned company has many collective years of paranormal investigation experience. Our award winning production team has been enlisted to help collaborate and document our findings on yet to be released DVD's. The team has extensive experience and have been involved in the A/V industry collectively over 50 years. The latest technology in HD cameras are used, helping to give the viewer a real life ghost hunting experience while sitting in the comfort of their own home. Members of both the AGA teams (Alternative and Technical), have had the pleasure of being involved in Australia's high rating cult paranormal television series (Haunted Australia).

We are a group of paranormal investigators and Psychic mediums. We do investigations, tours, seminars and media productions.We also run tours of haunted locations. We are currently running tours of The Old Geelong Gaol in Geelong Victoria and conduct special events such as sleepovers, halloween tours and private group bookings for 20 people and over.
Website: http://www.ausghosts.com.au/

UPI - Undercover Paranormal Investigations

UPI - Undercover Paranormal Investigations is a paranormal group located in the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne dedicated to research and investigation

into the unknown. We have been investigating locations for 5 years and I myself (Lionel) have experienced paranormal events all my life. Our investigations have yielded some very strong evidence and our investigation style is a mix of a scientific approach and feeling. We are currently looking to investigate any site with valid claims of the paranormal and would love to be contacted if anyone is interested in hosting us for an investigation.
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Undercover-Paranormal-Investigations-UPI/365375210142514

Australian Paranormal Society

The Australian Paranormal Society (A.P.S) - founded and owned by Bill Tabone and Amanda Wright-Tabone, and co-ordinated by Bill, Amanda, Emily Tabone and Will Tabone - run a professional team of paranormal investigators who are located in Melbourne, Australia.

The A.P.S - is a 'not-for-profit' organization - that consists of a professional team of individuals 'with varying skills and a broad range of expertise' who are dedicated to researching and understanding unexplained phenomena worldwide - and we provide a 'free onsite assessment' for residential and commercial customers -Just email us with your enquiries.
The Australian Paranormal Society does not encourage nor will it condone trespassing at any time and it will only investigate a location if proper permission has been granted by the appropriate authorities.

The A.P.S aim is two-fold: to create a team of 'dedicated paranormal researchers' as well as an extensive online resource center that will cater for varying levels of interest and understanding.
Our mission is to extensively investigate and empirically document all types of 'unexplained phenomena' within Australia, utilizing the most advanced equipment and methodologies.
We approach each reported incident with sensitivity , fully respecting the person's worldview and religious beliefs , while maintaining full confidentiality. Any evidence gathered on location will remain private and confidential and any public disclosure would remain at the full discretion of the client.

An A.P.S. requirement of any investigation is that a full 'debrief' and feed-back session will be scheduled with the client to whom all findings will be made public.
The A.P.S will initially consider various rational explanations for alleged 'paranormal phenomena' and will continue to assist our clients until a satisfactory conclusion about any phenomena is reached.
All investigations proceed with no preconceived assumptions and will remain unbiased by allowing any evidence uncovered to guide the direction of the investigation.

Occupational Health and Safety issues affecting the A.P.S team are critical during any investigation. If for any reason members of the A.P.S feel the investigation should cease for personal or safety reasons, the investigation will be postponed or terminated.
Through their investigations the A.P.S hope to gain a more concise understanding about the nature of unexplained phenomena through extensive data collection, experimentation and empirical documentation
The A.P.S. also offers a specialised team for the clearing of premises/spiirit rescue. This team is separate to the investigative team although still part of the A.P.S. This team will onlky attend when a thorough investigation has taken place. All contact is through our email.
We are open to any questions the public may have and to support other fellow paranormal investigation groups.
Our aim is to also build a more open and united paranormal community.
An evidence analysis service for the public and other P.I. groups is also available.
Website: www.australianparanormalsociety.com
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/australianparanormalsociety
Email: aps_contact@rocketmail.com

Colonial Paranormal

Colonial Paranormal is Victorian based and was born out of our interest in the Paranormal, and wanting to know about things that go bump in the night! We got started on investigations in 2009 after going to the Point Cook Homestead. We have so far done investigations at Old Melbourne Gaol, Old Geelong Gaol, Point Cook Homestead and J Ward with other groups and are now trying to strike out on our own. We'd love to find more like minded people who want to go on private investigations in Melbourne and around Victoria. We're not a tour group, nor are we out to make a profit or stand on the toes of existing groups. We'd just like to do our own thing. We have all our own gear and all we need is people keen to join us on investigations. By creating Colonial Paranormal we'd like to share the costs involved with getting into places. Most places charge a fee to get into, if we can split that with 10 people it's way cheaper than a tour. You can email us at melissa@colonialparanormal.com or visit the website www.colonialparanormal.com or you can find us on Facebook "Colonial Paranormal".

Carmar Paranormal Investigators

Carmar Paranormal Investigations is a non-profit group founded by Marty and Caroline Veenstra. Our aim is to show people around us and the media of strange occurrences while also debunking the fake or natural phenomenon.

We document all paranormal and physical evidence and present our findings to our client. Our aim is to help to achieve balance and bring peace back into your environment.

We at Carmar are experienced Paranormal Investigators who have 20 years collective experience between us in the field of Paranormal Disturbances

and deal with both investigating and dealing with paranormal activity.
Our team of Psychics, Mediums and Sensitives use with our combined abilities help locate and communicate with the spirits that are troubling your home or business. Over the years we have had great success in dealing with Paranormal Phenomena combining a Scientific and a Spiritual approach to our investigations.
Website:
https://www.facebook.com/carmarparanormalinvestigations/info

Western District Paranormal (WDP)

WDP is a paranormal investigation group, located in Miners Rest Victoria. Currently sporting a team of 3 dedicated investigators, WDP uses both logic, specialist equipment and scientific methods to investigate and question paranormal phenomenon across Victoria.
WDP's investigative services are free to the community and they can be contacted via email. WDP also produces a small range of ParaProducts including IR illuminators, EM Pumps, Vibration Detectors and Electrostatic Field Detectors. WDP ParaProduct are available for sale to the public on a made to order basis. WDP ParaProduct is a sideline to a full time job for Craig (WDP's Founder), hence the made to order nature of sales, no stock is carried. IR Illuminators can be customised to individual customer requirement.
Website: https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Western-District-Paranormal/182634478488164/

Western Australia

WA Paranormal Groups

The Albany Paranormal Research Society
The Albany Paranormal Research Society consists of a team of investigators who aim to document and record paranormal activities using tried and tested scientific methods.
Our aim is to help people who experience unexplained phenomena to regain peace of mind.
We are a professional team that will treat our clients with respect and discretion, and attempt to ascertain the true cause of their unexplained activity.
If you have an unexplained activity that you would like to talk to someone about or arrange an investigation, please browse our website for further information and contact us via our contact page. A team member will be in contact with you as soon as possible.
Email: albanyparanormal@hotmail.com or Website: http://www.albanyparanormal.com

Twilight Paranormal Investigators

At T.P.I we are all very spiritual our Team consists of sensitives and an empath/medium. We have combined a healthy balance of Spirituality and a Scientific approach to our investigations. Our mission is to seek out the truth and help people, all our investigations are free, non-judgmental and handle with the utmost care and respect, At T.P.I we believe in all things paranormal. Email: trishmoulton@y7mail.com
http://twilightparanormalinvestigations.yolasite.com/

West Australia Paranormal Research

We endeavour to raise the profile of this field of research in the local community and be there for those people who have issues that no one else wants to touch. If you have issues within your home or work place that are out of the normal or in some cases quite disturbing, we are here for you whether it is just for someone to talk to without being laughed at, or if you prefer we can send out investigators to have a look around and see if the case warrants a full team investigation. We work with reputable local psychics who can offer guidance and support, we also have worked with a local "exorcist" in the past when the situation required it. We are working to find an understanding of what this thing called the "Paranormal" actually is and how it can affect the living world around it.
Website: http://www.waparanormal.com.au/home.html

Perth Ghost Hunters

Formed in 2002 Perth Ghost Hunters offer free investigations to owners of both business and residential with reported paranormal occurrences to find out whether they have a haunting or not. We cover north to Geraldton, east to Kalgoorlie and south to Albany.
We use some of the latest ghost hunting technology available and also own a Flir thermal camera in an attempt to get the best evidence.
We respect peoples privacy and offer fully private investigations without bringing any unwanted attention to the owners and location of the haunting.

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Website - http://www.perthghosthunters.webs.com

Tasmania

Team Strigois Paranormal Investigators

The name of our team came from Romanian mythology, where the strigoi are the troubled souls of the dead rising from the grave. We investigate known and unknown locations around our historic state. We investigate all types of locations including private residences in a respectful and professional manner; our goal is to capture phenomena using cameras and other recording equipment. Team Strigoi never charge for any investigations and can also do confidential investigations as well.Our other aim is to put another spin on tourism in Tasmania and hopefully generate extra interest in the wider world and encourage more visitors to our .beautiful state Tasmania.
Team Strigoi are Drew McClelland,Jodie Newton and Mike Phillips.
We investigate cases of Hauntings, UFO's, Urban Legends and Cryptozoology free of charge, confidential or published on our site.
Website: http://teamstrigois-unnatural.com/

Carmar Paranormal Investigators

Carmar Paranormal Investigations is a non profit group founded by Marty and Caroline Veenstra. Our aim is to show people around us and the media of strange occurrences while also debunking the fake or natural phenomenon.
We document all paranormal and physical evidence and present our findings to our client. Our aim is to help to achieve balance and bring peace back into your environment.
We at Carmar are experienced Paranormal Investigators who have 20 years collective experience between us in the field of Paranormal Disturbances and deal with both investigating and dealing with paranormal activity.

Our team of Psychics, Mediums and Sensitives use with our combined abilities help locate and communicate with the spirits that are troubling your home or business. Over the years we have had great success in dealing with Paranormal Phenomena combining a Scientific and a Spiritual approach to our investigations.
https://www.facebook.com/carmarparanormalinvestigations/info

Disclaimer

Please note that groups listed here are not endorsed by SOuL Searchers. As a matter of precaution it is recommended that people make all necessary enquiries prior to engaging any group or attending any activity.

SOuL Searchers reserves the right to decline or remove any group from the directory without cause and without notice.

Workshops, Courses and Events

If you are conducting a workshop, course or an event on the paranormal and you would like them listed then send an email to: soulsearchers@spheresoflight.com.au and accessparanormal@gmail.com

Workshops, Courses and Events - QLD, NSW & VIC

West Sydney Paranormal Research
Ufology

Date: Friday 6th July
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Price: 10 for members, $15 for non-members
Venue: Creative Spirit Centre, M-Centre, 43-44/40 Sterling Road, Minchinbury, NSW
Link: http://www.westsydneyparanormal.org/wspr-workshops.html
This is a NOT TO BE MISSED WORKSHOP - With leading UFOlogist and Paranormal Investigator Attila Kaldy.
Topics discussed will be:
- What is a UFO?
- History of UFOlogy & The Australian Element
- UFO Mis-identification

Have you seen strange things in the sky? Maybe you've had an encounter with a UFO or something strange that you can't explain? Maybe you've never had an experience yet have wandered if UFO's are real... Do they exist? What are they doing? Attila Kaldy, a leading Australian Paranormal Investigator and UFOlogist is about to take you on a journey through the world of UFO's and UFOlogy! This is a workshop for anyone interested in UFO's and aerial phenomena. Prepare to be amazed by the wealth of knowledge that Attila will impart on the workshop participants.
Whether you are interested in UFO's or not... this will be an eye-opener!

The Great Debate - Orbs... is it dust or something more?
Date: Saturday 4th August
Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Price: 10 for members, $15 for non-members
Venue: Creative Spirit Centre, M-Centre, 43-44/40 Sterling Road, Minchinbury, NSW
Link: http://www.westsydneyparanormal.org/wspr-workshops.html

In the recent past 'Orb' photos took the world by storm. Balls of energy - partial manifestation of spirit or family members stopping by to visit. Is it possible that we are actually seeing something 'paranormal'? What are they and why can we only see them on photographs. After much study and debate... Dust & other environmental conditions were to blame for these anomalies. Join Team W.S.P.R as we delve deeper into what this anomaly actually is - Paranormal or not! This workshop is for anyone interested in this phenomena, whether you believe photographic evidence of spirit orbs or not! This is not a workshop about what is right or wrong... It is purely about the facts! You can make your own mind up afterwards.

Yes... Team W.S.P.R are going to touch on the 'touchy' subject - And a workshop not to be missed. Bring your own camera if you have one!

Shadow People and Visual Phenomena - Plus nightvision and improving your nightvision
Date: Friday 7th September
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Price: 10 for members, $15 for non members
Venue: Creative Spirit Centre, M-Centre, 43-44/40 Sterling Road, Minchinbury, NSW
Link: http://www.westsydneyparanormal.org/wspr-workshops.html

Shadow People - Quickly becoming the most common type of apparition associated with paranormal phenomena reported around the world. What are Shadow People? Why have sightings of Shadow People steadily increased over the last 5-10 years? Why are they here & where do they come from?We'll also have a look at other forms of visual phenomena, and help you improve your nightvision. How can you be sure what you're seeing is real? Check out this informative workshop!

Hunter Paranormal Australia

Intro into Paranormal Investigation
Date:TBA
Time: 9:00pm - 10:30pm
Price: $30.00
Website: http://hunterparanormalaustralia.com.au/
Location: Pioneer Village - Minmi Cemetery, Minmi Road, Minmi, NSW
Come and join Hunter Paranormal Australia at Minmi Cemetery, we will supply you with basic equipment to use and explain how to use it so you can conduct your own paranormal investigation.
For more information please e-mail hunterparanormal69@gmail.com

Lockdown at Mailtland Gaol Investigation
Date: Friday 17th August
Time: 9:00pm - 8:00am
Price: $100.00
Come and join us, if you dare! Have you ever watched a ghost investigation on TV or online and thought, I'd like to try that out! Well, here's your chance!
We will pass through the heavy iron gates to the interior of the gaol, that housed many hardened criminals, for over 150 years, leaving their negative energies within those walls....

As part of the Introduction to Paranormal Investigation you will be have a 90 minute ex inmate tour and the chance to explore sections of the gaol and use various equipment supplied in the endeavour to capture some evidence of the paranormal. This is done by audio, photography and the use of meters measuring electromagnetic fields which spirits can manipulate to make their presence known. All equipment will be explained and available for your usage. If you have your own camera or digital voice recorder, please bring them along!

Please note this is not a ghost tour or psychic tour, it's a hands on personal experience in paranormal investigation.
par•a•nor•mal ~ Beyond the range of normal experience or scientific explanation.
Whilst the unknown can frighten, once you're there, the excitement sets in!
You will never be alone...so don't be frightened and come and join us, you never know what you may find!
Don't forget to bring a torch!
Please pay deposit of $50 by 30/6/2012 to hold your spot.
Final payment and number of attending need to be given to the Gaol by 3rd August.
If interested either call 0434471291 or e-mail hunterparanormal69@gmail.com

SOuL Searchers Investigations

Parapsychology Certificate Course
21-22 July & 18-19 August 2012.
This comprehensive course is ideal for those who would like an in-depth knowledge of the paranormal and would like to learn the necessary skills to become a Professional Paranormal Investigator.

Some of the topics covered include history and philosophy of parapsychology, paranormal investigations, the various types of paranormal phenomena, the role of technical equipment in investigations, geopathic stress, dowsing, vortices and portals, extrasensory perception and psychokinetics, clairvoyance and other psychic senses.

All of the classes will be highly interactive and experiential, focusing on participation and engagement of the students. There will be practical exercises throughout the course and also interaction with SOuL Searchers Investigators. This course will be facilitated by Janine Donnellan who is the founder of SOuL Searchers and Steve Millard Case Manger of SOuL Searchers Paranormal Investigations.

Location: Business Enterprise Centre - Unit 1a, 29-33 Waratah Street, Kirrawee 2232 (southern Sydney, NSW)

Course Duration: 3 modules run over 2 weekends 9.30am - 5:30pm each day.

Course Payment: $250 per weekend - this includes manual, lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

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Newcastle Ghost Tours

Newcastle Police Station Lock Up Sleepover

Date: Saturday 28th July till Sunday 29th July
Time: 9:30pm to 8:00am
Location: Newcastle Police Station, 90 Hunter Street, Newcastle NSW
Price: $60.00
https://www.facebook.com/events/143988319059996/

Are you after the ultimate ghost hunting experience? Then we challenge you to a sleepover at the old Newcastle Lock Up, Hunter street Newcastle. The Lock-Up is the Newcastle Police Station which operated from 1861 until its closure in 1982. Stay in this historic facility overnight – as that is when the real action starts to happen! You will begin your evening around 9:30pm on Saturday with an Introductory Overview of the LOCK UP provided by your hosts from Newcastle Ghost Tours. Listen to a 1 hour presentation and introduction of this historic facility. Hear real accounts of grizzly occurrences in the gaol cells where you will be laying your head down to sleep... You will then be "locked down" into the building to spend the rest of your evening in the company of your friends and the ghosts of the previous inmates (and there are many of them) Like all prisoners held in this facility in the early 1900's – there will be no comforts here! You will have to sleep on the cold bare floors of the cells and bring all of your own food/ snacks for the evening. There will be strictly NO ALCOHOL (any found will be liable to see the offender flogged and placed into solitary confinement) will have to make your own entertainment and it's BYO everything for your own comfort. Young offenders can also find themselves at the LOCK UP for misdemeanours BUT they must be under the supervision of a parent or guardian at all times. Age limitations restrict children under the age of 14 years. Your time in incarceration will finish at 8am Sunday morning when you will be given your Ticket-of-Leave and been shown the front door.

This experience is not for the feint-hearted and numbers for each tour are strictly limited. Tea/Coffee facilities will be provided. Bring sleeping bags/ fold up chairs and all of your own ghost hunting equipment.
Breakfast will be available (at your own cost) at SPROCKETS COFFEE ROASTERS on corner of Watt & Hunter Streets on Sunday morning.
Expressions of interest in booking your spot are now open - email info@newcastleghosttours.com.au - This is a small facility so numbers will be kept to about 15 people per night.
Hope to see you there!

Weekly Tours
Date: Weekly
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Muster point - The Lock Up on Hunter street, Newcastle (between Bolton street and Watt street)
Price: $45.00
http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=64
Join us on a private walking tour of the East End on a Friday or Saturday night.

Do you have a group of friends who would like to share a very unique experience?
We can provide a private tour for you and four friends (minimum 5 people). A private tour gives you more time at certain hot spots and allows us more time to answer all of those questions you have always wanted to ask. Join our tour guide in a walk around the first streets of the settlement of Newcastle. Maybe you will encounter the ghost of James Hannell, publican and auctioneer on Hunter street! We might also take you up to the site of Gaol where public hangings took place. We could walk past the site of the old Royal Hospital where the ghost of the matron can still be seen walking the old corridors. We will definitely be visiting the old Cathedral cemetery! You never know what old soul we shall encounter along the way. Have your camera ready!

History and Mystery Day Tours
Date: Weekly on Thursdays only
Time: TBA
Location: Muster point - The Lock Up on Hunter street, Newcastle NSW (between Bolton street and Watt street)
Price: $45.00
http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=64
Historic walking day tours are available for small groups (minimum five people). Bookings are available on Thursdays only – this allows us entry into The United Servicemen's Club on Watt street and includes a Devonshire Tea at haunted "Monet's" Restaurant at James Fletcher. Tours commence at 12 noon taking about 2 hours.

Investigation Nights

Date: Sunday 10th June 7pm start (WEA bookings only) Sunday 29th July, Sunday 16th September, Sunday 25th November 7.30pm start
Time: Sunday June 10th 3rd 7pm start (WEA bookings only), Sunday 29th July 6.30pm start, 16th September 6.30pm start, Sunday 25th November 7.30pm start.
Location: Miss Porter's House – King street, Newcastle West, NSW
Price: $75.00
http://www.newcastleghosttours.com.au/?page_id=63
We have very special permission to conduct paranormal investigations at Miss Porter's House – situated in King street Newcastle West. Herbert Porter and his family moved into their new house in 1910. His two daughters Ella (born 1911) and Hazel (born 1914) remained single and lived in the house until Hazel's passing in 1997.

The Edwardian terrace house contains 100 years of collectibles, 1909 – 1940 furniture, unique architectural features as well as the ghosts of family members, including Mr.Herbert Porter himself, who has stayed on in spirit to take care of his beloved home. Your night will commence the Muster point in front of Miss Porter's House directly across the road from McDonalds King street Newcastle West. It will include an historical overview of the area including Cottage Creek which was the most remote "civilized" point of the township of Newcastle and the house standing on what was known as "Lock's Paddock – a stonemason's yard. Learn aspects of paranormal investigating from an intuitive viewpoint. Learn how to heighten your psychic abilities and become more sensitive to the energies around you. You will have plenty of time to explore, take photos and stake out some of the rooms with us and listen for things that WILL go bump in the night! We may even have another "spirit board" session and connect with the ghosts of the house.

Grand Tour of the Civic Theatre
Date: Friday 22nd June
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Location: 375 Hunter Street, Newcastle NSW
Price: TBA
https://www.facebook.com/#%21/events/320212864681440/
We have another opportunity this year to showcase one of Newcastle's most amazing buildings and share all of its deep dark secrets! Join us on this 3 hour tour with our special host Mr.Richard Laws who has worked at the Theatre for many years and who will take us for a ghostly journey through this building.Last year we had some crazy experiences.More information to come soon - mark this date in your calendar and don't miss out!!!! Maybe you are part of a paranormal investigative group who might like to join us on this night? Yes...it is a tour but it is also a great opportunity to snoop around this old haunted theatre - you will have plenty of opportunities to take photos and set up equipment as we have the theatre all to ourselves.

Q-Station Tour
Date: TBA in October
Time: TBA
Location: 1 North Head Scenic Drive, Manly, NSW
We will be organising an evening at Q station at Manly for October this year. As there are so many options as to how to get there and whether to stay overnight at the on-sight accommodation etc.. we will be leaving that up to you. A post of the date of the investigation night will happen shortly and we will keep it as a group event with all other extras being taken care of by individual attendees.
http://www.qstation.com.au/experience/tours.php

East End Tour
Date: Friday 15th June or Friday 29th June
Time: TBA
Location: East End of Newcastle, NSW
Price: $45.00
We now have two dates available either JUNE 15th (FRIDAY) and now JUNE 29th (FRIDAY). Get a group together and join us on a ghostly tour of the East End of Newcastle!! The tour will include entry into the LOCK UP Museum on Hunter street.Call 0411357519 or email info@newcastleghosttours.com.au

Australian Paranormal Phenomena Investigators (A.P.P.I)

Paranormal Investigation of the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre
Date: Saturday 21st July, 18th August, 22nd September, 20th October, 16th November and 21st December.
Time: 8:00pm - 12:00am
Venue: Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, 1 Casula Road, Casula NSW
Price: $45.00
Come and be an investigator for the night!
Using viewing monitors, EVP and ghost box sessions, EMF meters, ghost meter pro, dowsing rods, pendulums, experiential tactics and much more. APPI will attempt to find evidence of paranormal activity within the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre grounds.
All this and it includes light supper!
Be quick to book your spot! Go to http://www.casulapowerhouse.com/booknow/
Scroll down to the 9 June and you'll see the Paranormal Investigators option.

Australian Ghost Adventures

How to be a "Ghost Hunter" Seminar
Date: TBA - contact Australian Ghost Adventures to register your interest
Time: TBA
Location: TBA - VIC
Price: TBA
http://www.ausghosts.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=19&Itemid=23
Do Ghosts really exist? This question has been asked by so many people and we endeavour to find the proof of such existences. We, at Australian Ghost Adventures strive to find answers to this age old question. As Paranormal investigators we use different methods/techniques to try and achieve positive results. Our team consists of a Technical Team and an alternative team. The technical team uses science and technology to either prove or disprove the existence of the paranormal, and the Alternative team use traditional methodology to get results.
Our teams will take you through an interactive and informing seminar about how we operate while conducting an investigation. Explanations of some of the methods used, as well as recounting some chilling personal experiences. So come along and “Dare to be scared”.

Old Geelong Gaol
Date: Saturday 7th July and Saturday 4th August
Time: from 7:30pm
Location: Cnr Myers and Swanston Street, Geelong VIC
Price: 7:30pm - Family Tour $20 Adult $10 Child $50 Family (2 Adults 2 Kids), 9.30pm - Adults & Kids Welcome $30pp
Link:
http://www.ausghosts.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8&Itemid=12
Are you brave enough to join us as we investigate and tour one of Geelong’s most haunted buildings? Many stories have been told about it's deceased inhabitants and their present day appearances. Experience the last few steps of former prisoners from their cold, dark condemned cells to the gallows where they were hung for their crimes.

Even today, people talk of the strange feelings they've had of ghostly apparitions, from condemned prisoners walking aimlessly about, to bodies still swinging from the Hangmans noose. Do you have what it takes to become part of these stories; to experience the sights and sounds of Ghostly encounters. Come along and ”Dare to be Scared!" On our Ghost Tour. As part of the investigation you will be given the opportunity to use some Ghost Hunting Equipment, under the guidance

of one of our AGA Team members and Psychics. We have other special tours!

UFO-PRSA
Monthly Meeting
Date: TBA
Time: 6:45pm to 10:15pm
Venue: Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW
This meeting we will be presenting the evidence, including imagery, in support of extraterrestrials visiting Earth in our remote past. For more information go to http://www.ufosociety.net.au

Aaradale Investigation Tours

Date: Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June
Time: TBA
Location: Aradale, VIC
Price: 3 hour tour - $60
Very limited seating.... Paranormal investigation!
Explore buildings never been shown to the public.
10 people group maximum.
Top range equipment provided, or bring your own.
Phone 0458438366 to book!

Old Geelong Gaol - James Murphy Hangmans Feast
Date: Sleepover Friday 13th July 2012
Time: TBA
Location: Cnr Myers and Swanston Street, Geelong VIC
James Murphy Hung 6th November 1863 Murder of policeman at Warrnambool Court House
Bookings: $150 per person includes sit down last meal of James Murphy and presentation, or call AGA on 0421835370.
Come Joins us for the last meal served to the last man hung in the Old geelong Gaol..Come experience what it would have been like to spend your last living moments in the confined walls of the Old Geelong Gaol.

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Website:
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Please email accessparanormal@gmail.com if you have or know of any workshops, courses or events happening in Queensland!

Workshops Courses and Events - TAS, SA, WA, NT & ACT

Adelaide's Haunted Horizons

Adelaide Gaol All Night Workshop
Date: By appointment
Time: 8:00pm - 6:00am
Price: $130.00
http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/adelaide_gaol_workshops.html
Ever wanted to try your hand at being an investigator for a night? Join us for this unique experience where YOU get to be the investigator for the whole night! This is a great opportunity to not only see and learn how a seasoned team of researchers in the field conduct their investigations, but also to take part in one yourself. As morning approaches, enjoy the sun coming up over the Gaol walls with a warm cup of coffee and discuss the nights experiences!
Includes: Learning about equipment, theories and methods in a series of lectures, reviewing video/audio captured, familiarising yourself with the Gaol, on a conducted Ghost Tour, hands on investigation, using equipment provided by Haunted Horizons and supervision by experienced investigators.

Adelaide Gaol

Date: Tours on hold at present
Time: TBA
Location: 18, The Goal Road, Thebarton, SA
Price:TBA
http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/adelaidegaolghosttour.html
These tours are currently on hold. Please check back for more updates.
These tours are more than your run of the mill ghost tour as YOU get to try your hand at a bit of ghost-hunting! Come and hang back after your tour with guides, some of who have also been in or are still in the paranormal research field. Hear stories of footsteps, seemingly produced by an invisible person, who walked right between two investigators sitting on the staircase, or of the little children who were subjected to the same experience. Listen to how a gentleman who had slipped into the solitary cell to take photos, whilst the guide told the stories, bolted out seconds later when he heard a voice whisper "get out!" behind him. Once the 90mins tour finishes, get to experience for yourself just what it is like to sit quietly in reportedly active areas of the Adelaide Gaol. This is a great opportunity for the paranormal enthusiast, whether a beginner or an experienced investigator, to be able to get access to the Gaol for a short time under supervised conditions.

Tailem Town Investigation Tours
Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Location: Tailem Town, Princes Highway, Tailem Bend, SA
Price: $65.00

http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/oldtailemtownghosttour.html
These tours are slightly different from your run of the mill ghost tours as YOU get to try your hand at a bit of ghost-hunting! Come and hang back after your tour with guides, some of who have also been in or are still in the paranormal research field. Let them tell you of their own experiences as well as reported experiences of others. Listen to stories of strange shadows and unusual photographs taken by the public. Hear about some of the characters that once resided in these very buildings before their death and before the buildings were transported to the township plank by plank. Once the two hour tour finishes, get to experience for yourself just what it is like to sit quietly in reportedly active areas of the township for an hour or two. Over 110 buildings to choose from! This is a great opportunity for the paranormal enthusiast, whether a beginner or an experienced investigator, to be able to get access to Tailem Town for a short time under supervised conditions.

Tailem Town Ghost Tours
Date: TBA
Time: TBA (2 hours duration)
Location: Tailem Town, Princes Highway, Tailem Bend, SA
Price: $28.00
http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/oldtailemtownghosttour.html
What is the travelling cemetery? What photos taken in the township caught the attention of a paranormal investigation team? What relevance does the name "Jack" caught on their tape have? See and hear material captured both here and in other locations. These are just a few of the questions that will be answered, along with many others, on Tailem Town Ghost Tours. So join us as we guide you through some of the buildings that now reside at the Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village.... after dark! Please note: This walk takes place on uneven ground in many places, for this reason please wear sensible, flat shoes. The area is also dark so please bring a torch if you have one. Phone 0407 715 866 or email alison@adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au.

Saint Cecilia Ghost Tour/Investigation Night
Date: Saturday 16th June
Time: 5:00pm – 10:00am
Location: 2 Callary Street, Peterborough SA
Price: $180.00
Website: http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/
What is the traveling cemetery? What photos taken in the township caught the attention of a paranormal investigation team? What relevance does the name "Jack" caught on their tape have? See and hear material captured both here and in other locations. These are just a few of the questions that will be answered, along with many others, on Tailem Town Ghost Tours. So join us as we guide you through some of the buildings that now reside at the Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village.... after dark! Please note: This walk takes place on uneven ground in many places, for this reason please wear sensible, flat shoes. The area is also dark so please bring a torch if you have one. Phone 0407 715 866 or email alison@adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au. Spend a whole night in this dark, and very imposing Mansion and try and find out for yourself if it is haunted. Why, after Bishop Nortons death, did his replacement refuse to live in this house?
Why does the present owners daughter not want to live in this scary, haunted home?
What nearly knocked a P.F.I. Investigator down the old staircase?
Will you wake to find the Bishop standing at the foot of your bed like a couple did who slept there one night?
See if you can find the answers to these questions and more!
This is a whole night of investigation and includes a bed, 3 course dining, tea/coffee, full cooked English Breakfast and a night of entertainment.
PLEASE NOTE: The last tour on 19th Nov filled up rapidly and we had to turn people away. If you want to get your name down for the next one contact us quickly. If we get enough interest we can run one sooner than the next scheduled tour.
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Age 15+

Burra Ghost Tour/Investigation Night
Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Location: Burra, SA
Price: TBA
Website: http://www.adelaidehauntedhorizons.com.au/
Spend a whole night on one of our investigation tours in Burra. Find out if the rumours of hauntings are true. Work with experienced investigators, with equipment in such venues as Redruth Gaol, The Police Lock-ups, Bon Accord Mine site and the old Miners Dug-outs. Start the night off with a meal at the Burra Hotel washed down with a glass of wine or beer. Listen and watch possible investigative evidence and a run down on equipment use. Then break into teams and hunker down for a night of spooky fun before watching the sun come up over a steaming hot mug of coffee.
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SPACE CLEARING & PSYCHIC PROTECTION WORKSHOP

Wednesday 25th July 2012

This is a 2 hour workshop to learn how to conduct a space clearing in your home or place of business and also learn psychic protection.

Sometimes a house or office can feel uncomfortable, and there is no apparent reason to explain your uneasy feeling. There may be instances when you moved into a space and just felt like someone else was there, or the space just didn't feel right.

At this workshop you will learn the basic techniques to conduct a space clearing on your home or business You will learn how to clear negative or stagnant energetic 'imprints' built up over the years from the accumulation of day to day living and from previous occupants. You will also learn how to remove unwanted entities that may be attached to your home and to protect yourself from psychic attack.

Janine Donnellan from Spheres of Light & SOuL Searchers will be the facilitator of this workshop. Janine has been featured in the Daily Telegraph, Mania Magazine, the Sun and the St George & Sutherland Leader as well as appearing regularly on Psychic TV.

Where: Embrace, Shop 1015 Westfield,
Miranda NSW 2228
When: Wednesday 25th July 2012
Time: 5:30- 7:30pm
Cost: $60 includes notes & Supper
Bookings: 02 9531 0009

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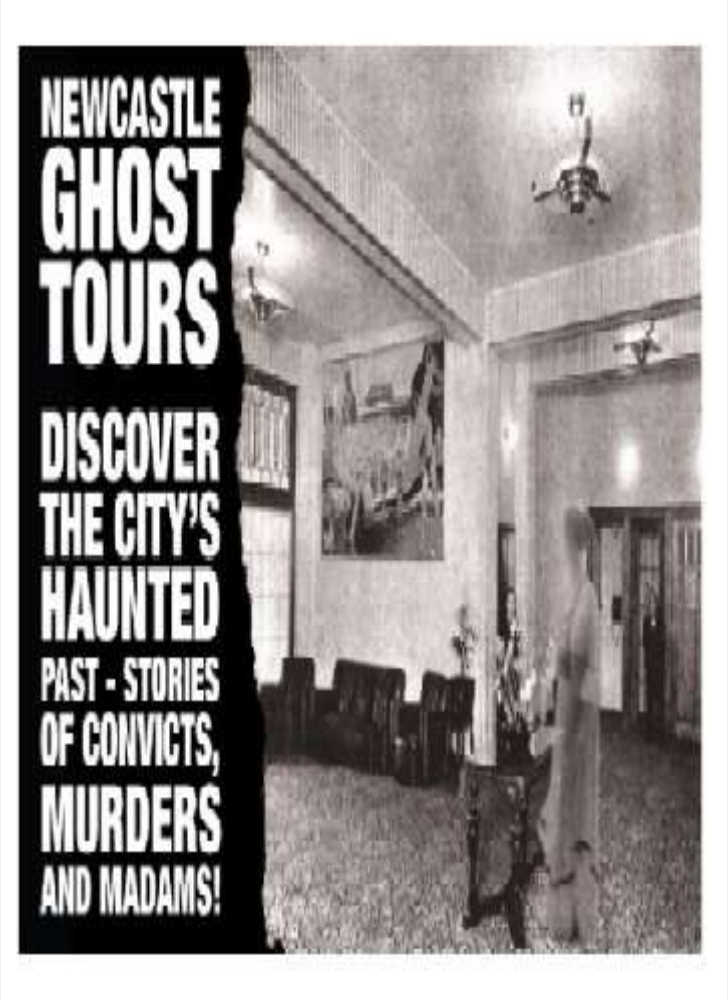
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Harmony Journeys Sacred Sites of IrelandTour In Search of Gaelic Myth

Sunday 16th September - Saturday 22nd September

Our magical pilgrimage to Ireland visits megalithic monuments and natural sites, sacred through the ages from Neolithic to Bronze Age as well as to the Druids, Christians and modern man; in search of Gaelic Myth. This is a provisional itinerary, so please revisit to follow the developments.

Sacred sites are ancient locations where the veil is thin between this and other higher vibrational worlds. Often they are energy 'hotspots' positioned on key ley-lines (typically where many cross) or electro-magnetic force-fields. These ley-lines and energy hotspots make up the meridians and chakra centres of the Earth herself and by focussing the intent for planetary healing from these sites, our efforts are amplified and can create an entire global energy shift.

This exciting itinerary includes a selection of megalithic sites such as Bethany Stone Circle (Donegal) and dolmens, Janus Stones, Neolithic burial mounds such as Newgrange, Queen Maebh's tomb, Carrowmore & Carrowkeel (Sligo), Four Knocks (with Full Moon Meditation); Hill of Slane & Hill of Tara; Sheela Na Gig; Holy Wells, and Ancient Yew trees of Druidic influence, Cave of the Cats and culminating in an ancient sunrise observation ritual (weather permitting!) at Loughcrew for the Autumn Equinox and a closing Labyrinth Meditation.

Harmony Journeys are designed to re-connect lightworkers by opening portals of information within them, through exchanging keys and codes with energetic nodes of sacred site landscapes. Escorted by Joanna Bristow-Watkins, Reyad Sekh Em® Egyptian Alchemy Healing practitioner and teacher. Joanna creates her own Angelic Lightbody (Merkaba field) every day and will create and maintain a group Merkaba field throughout the trips. Synchronicities are commonplace on our trips; numerous unexpected treasures presented throughout every journey we arrange.

Micheal Fox examines a Sheela Na Gig Stone Carving near Ardath, County Meath, Ireland

Fully escorted by Joanna Bristow-Watkins as well as the enigmatic Michael Fox, of Boyne Valley Tours, the itinerary and costing is based on twin share accommodation for a group of 10 - 15 people, so we recommend payment of a €333 or £277 to secure your place. This will be fully refundable in the event that the tour does not go ahead or final costs increase by more than 5%. Full payment made now guarantees against cost increase (unless paid in Sterling and the Euro fluctuates hugely from the conversion rate used £1 = €1.2309)

Basic Cost: £1111* (plus £55 Paypal fee, deposit £300)

This should be an empowering, educational and enjoyable tour. Contact
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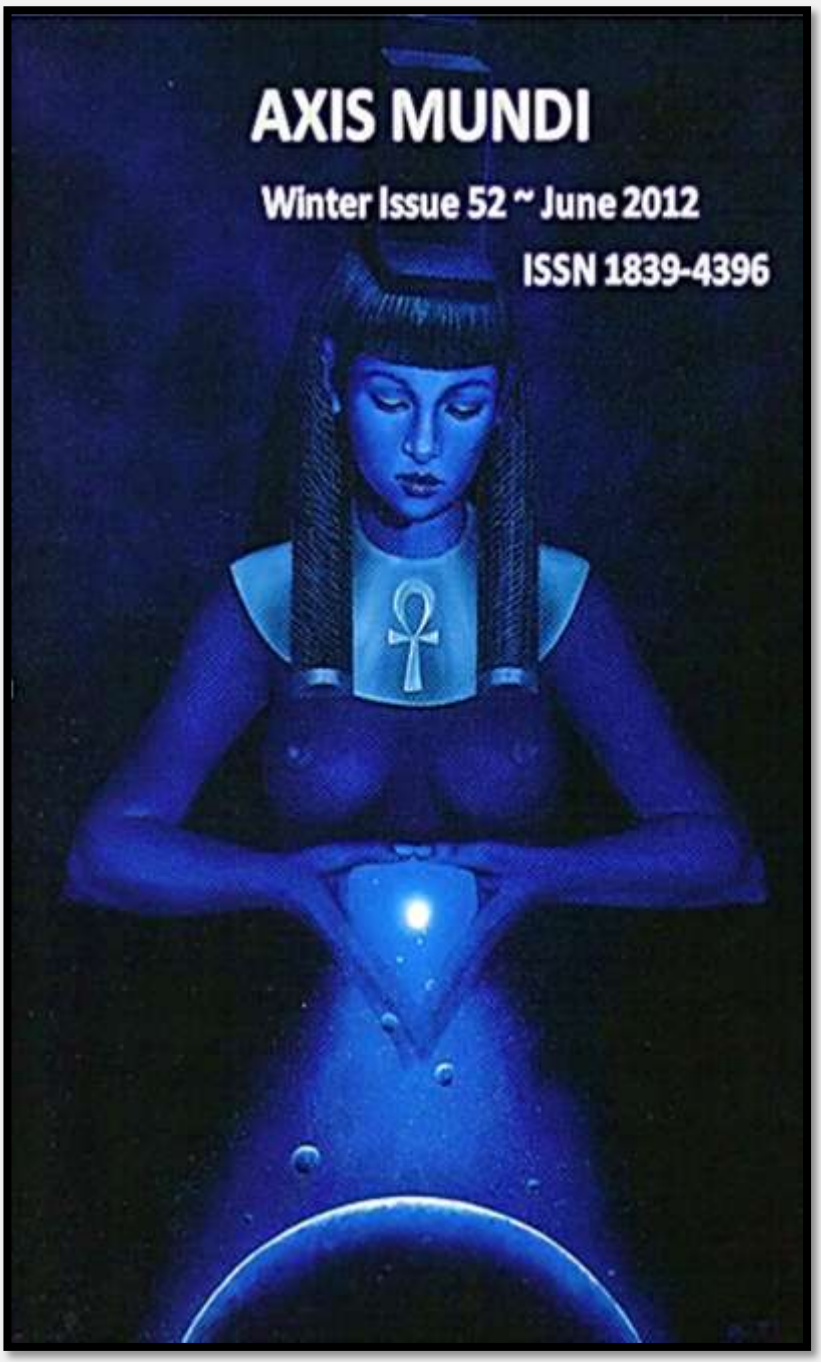

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